

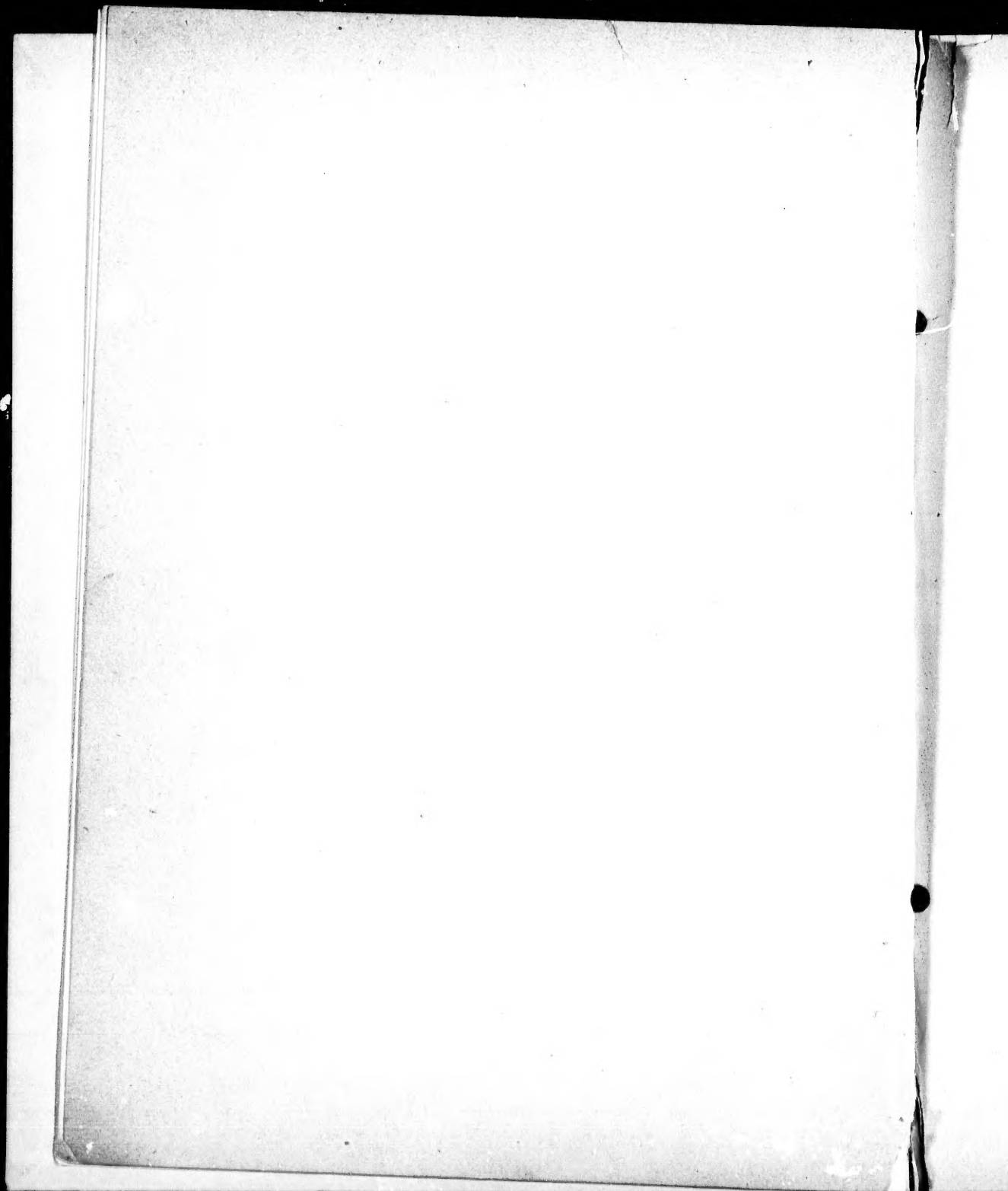
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In Memoriam

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Hart Almerin Massey.

PIONEER FARMER,

FARM IMPLEMENT MANUFACTURER,

PUBLIC-SPIRITED CITIZEN,

PHILANTHROPIST.

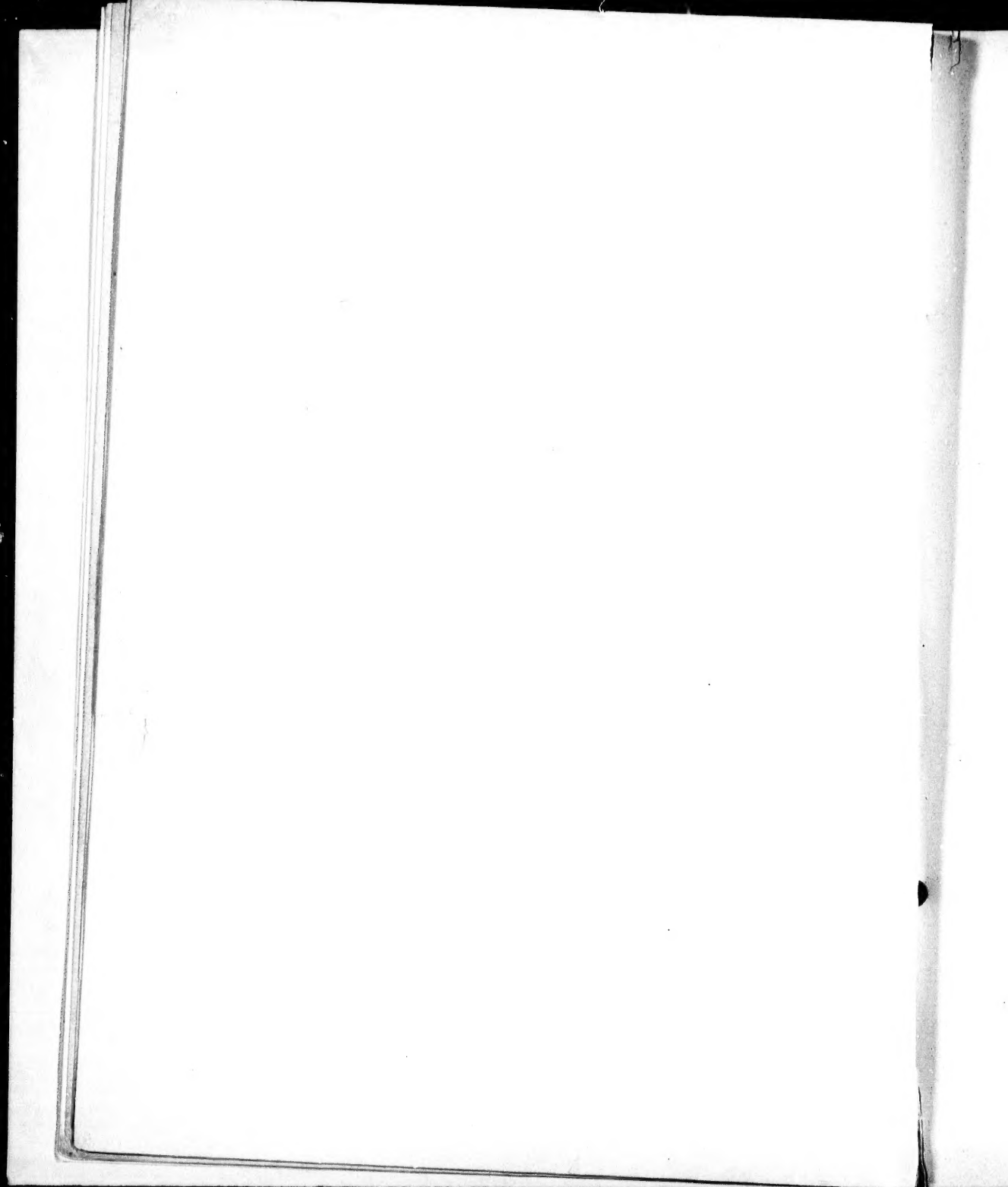
DIED AT HIS RESIDENCE IN TORONTO, CANADA,
THURSDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 20TH, 1896.

*"Seest thou a man diligent in business, he shall stand before
kings."*

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*ROUNDS IN THE LADDER OF AN EARNEST
BUSINESS LIFE.*

Born on his father's farm, in a log cabin, April 29th, 1823.

At seven years of age a barefooted boy, making weekly trips to the grist mill, four miles distant, on horseback.

At the age of ten years, in charge of oxen, takes the grain to market seven miles away.

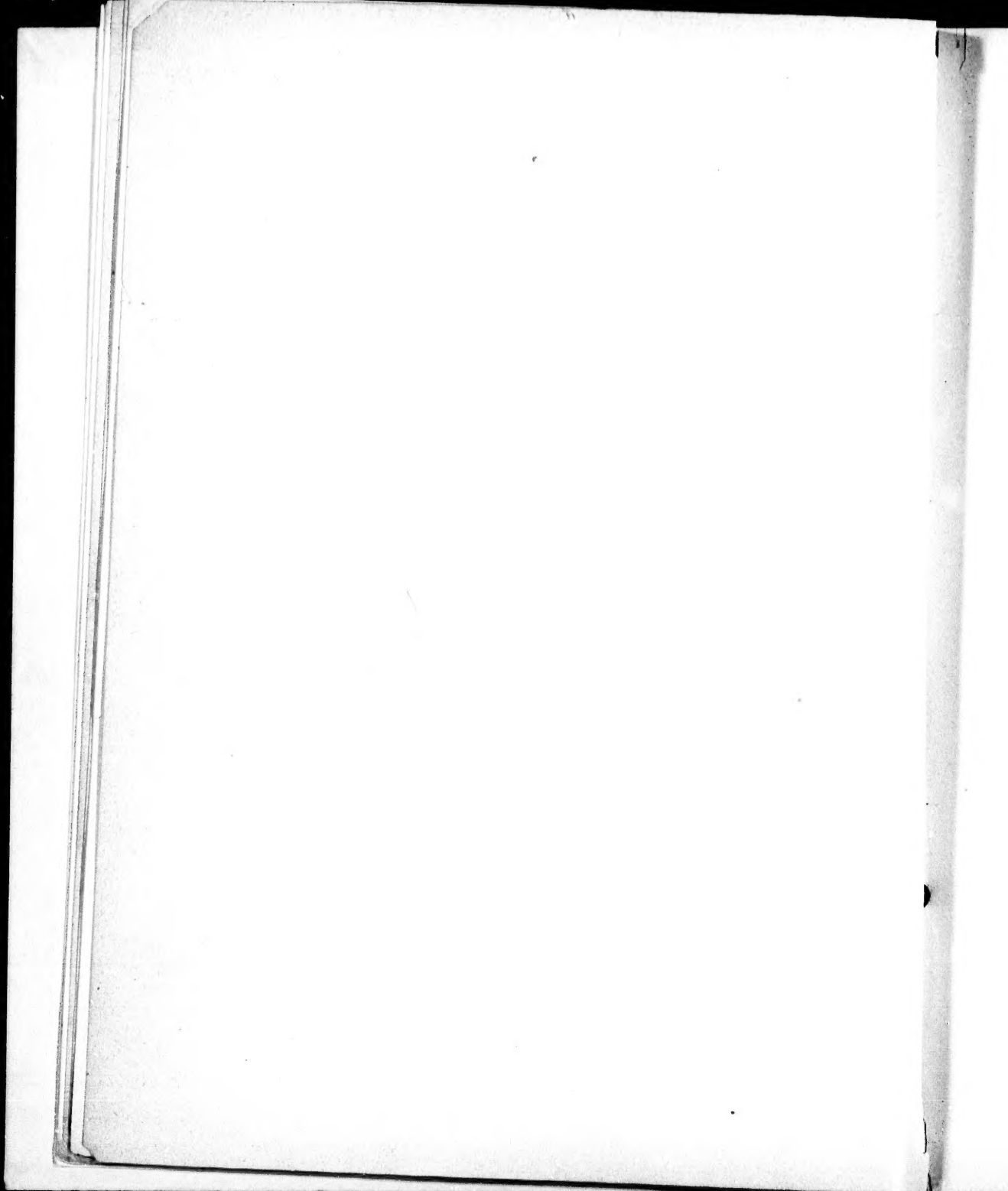
At sixteen years of age worked in the woods among the lumbermen in charge of a gang of teams.

At the age of nineteen attended Victoria College, paying his expenses by manual labor, and managing his father's farm during vacation.

At the age of twenty-one was placed in charge of his father's extensive farm, serving as school teacher during the winter.

In 1851 removed to Newcastle, Ont., and became Superintendent of his father's agricultural implement works, established four years previously.

In 1852 became a partner in his father's business and General Manager of the same, when the first mowing machine manufactured in Canada was produced. He also for many years served the locality in which he lived as a Justice of the Peace.



In 1855, his father retiring, he became sole proprietor of the business.

In 1863 introduced the first self-rake reaper made in Canada.

In 1869 was the first to manufacture an automatic self-dumping horse-rake in Canada.

In 1870 made President of the Massey Manufacturing Company, into which the business was incorporated that year.

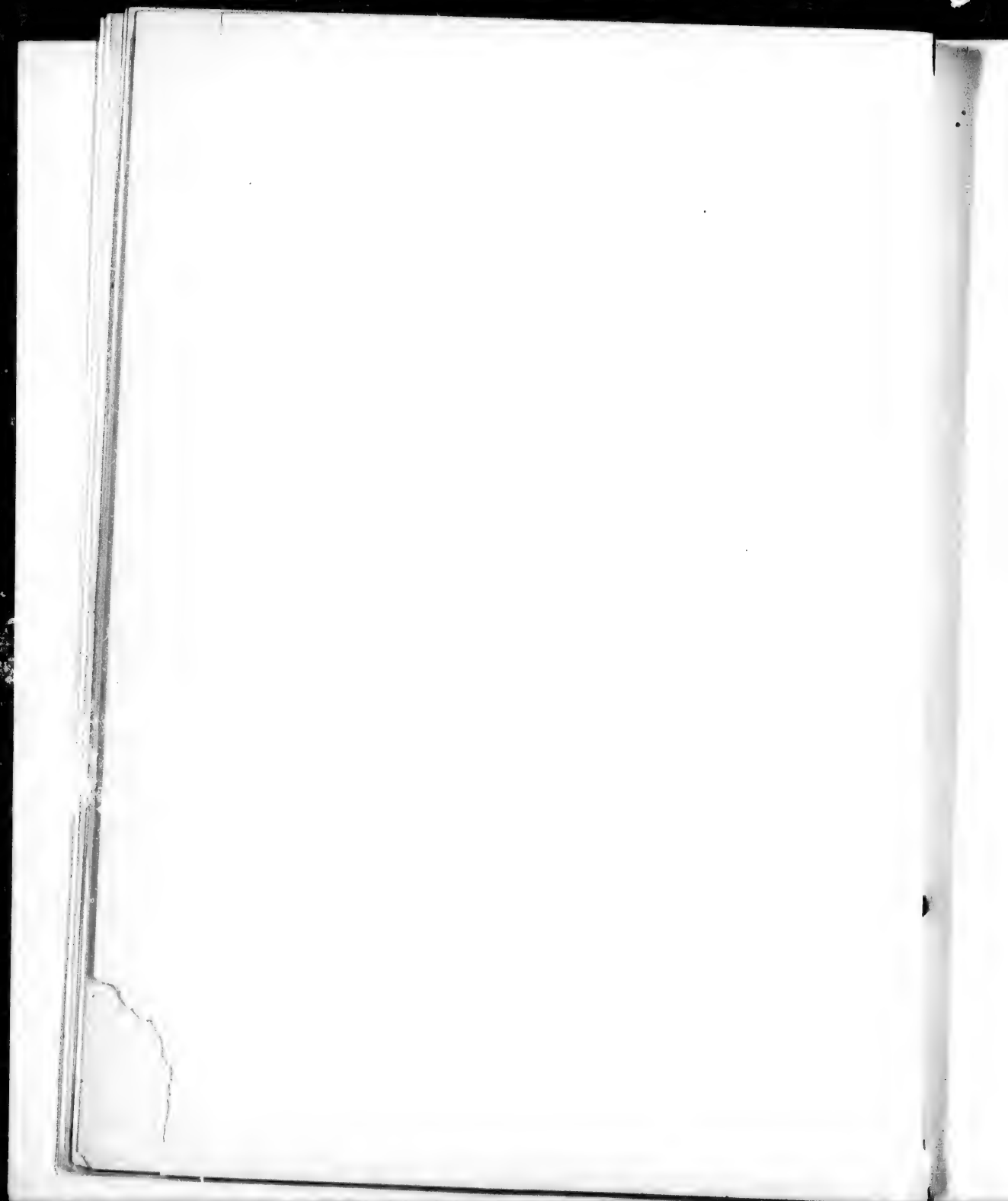
In 1879 the entire business removed from Newcastle to Toronto, where its capacity was subsequently more than doubled, the business of the Toronto Reaper and Mower Company having been purchased.

In 1889 made President of a new organization known as Sawyer & Massey Co., Ltd., manufacturers of threshers and engines at Hamilton, Ont.

In 1890 the business of the Massey Manufacturing Co. in the North-West amalgamated with that of Van Allen & Agur, of Winnipeg, under the name of Massey & Co., Ltd., for the wider extension of trade in all lines of implements and vehicles.

In 1891 made President of Massey-Harris Co., Ltd., formed by the amalgamation of the businesses of the Massey Mfg. Co., A. Harris, Son & Co., Ltd., of Brantford, and Massey & Co., Ltd., of Winnipeg, following which in the same year the businesses of The Patterson & Bro. Co., Ltd., of Woodstock, and J. O. Wisner, Son & Co., of Brantford, were incorporated with that of Massey-Harris Co.

In 1892 made President of the Verity Plow Co., Ltd., of Brantford, organized that year.



*ADDRESS BY THE REV. JAMES ALLEN, M.A., IN THE
METROPOLITAN CHURCH, TORONTO, AT THE
FUNERAL OF HART A. MASSEY,
FEBRUARY 22nd, 1896.*

Mr. Massey had, in a marked degree, the qualities which enable their possessor to seize the opportunities that others lose, and to persist in lines of conduct in which others fail. The quickness of perception, the coolness of judgment, the firmness of will, the power of endurance, the combination of qualities which made him one of the leading manufacturers of this Dominion, was largely due to heredity and to early training.

He first saw the light in a log house on a backwoods farm. Idleness, even in young children, was not tolerated by the early settler. Idleness was looked upon by the elder Massey as the mother of guilt.

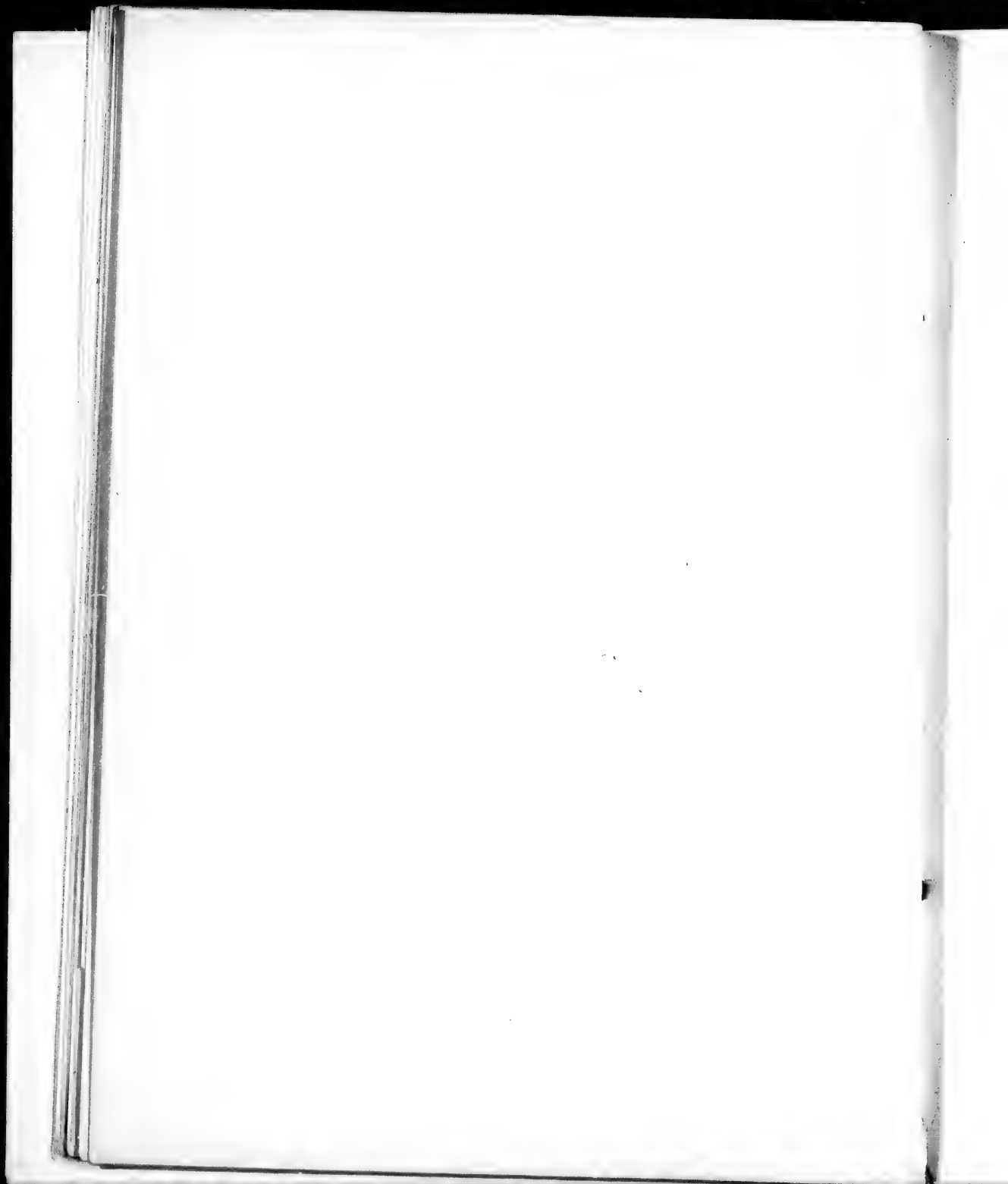
When the boy was seven years of age he began drawing all the wood that was used in the house; he could not handle the logs, but he could drive the oxen. His business was to drive the oxen between the woods and the house, and some one at each end would load and unload.

His father, Daniel Massey, was an extensive farmer, and employed many men clearing land and lumbering. He kept his account in the Bank of Montreal at Cobourg; and one of the boy's duties was to ride seven miles through the woods, obtain cash for the cheques, and bring the money home. When he was about eight years of age his father began to entrust him with the



marketing of the grain. A man was sent to handle the bags, but young Hart had the care of the oxen and the management of the business. As one of his regular duties he rode once a week to the grist mill, four miles distant, taking the grain on the horse's back and returning with the flour.

Employers were required by the custom of the time to furnish intoxicating liquor to their men. Daily drink was considered as necessary as daily bread. Five gallons of whiskey were consumed each week by the men on Daniel Massey's farm; and the boy was required to ride once a week to the distillery to procure the supply, which he brought in a bag slung across the horse's back, the bag containing a keg of whiskey in one end balanced by a stone in the other. The men frequently drank to excess, and brawling, fighting, idleness, poverty, neglect and ill-treatment of families followed as natural results. This greatly troubled Daniel Massey. At length he said, "Come what will, not another drop of liquor will I furnish." At once his men were out on strike. Harvest was approaching; he had large fields of wheat almost ready for the scythe, but, though he offered high wages, he could not find a man who would swing his cradle without drink. They said, "Give us our whiskey or your grain shall rot." He replied, "Here are higher wages for you, but no whiskey. The grain may rot, but here I stand." At the critical moment a boat came into Cobourg with some Irish immigrants, who knew the use of the sickle; and with their aid the wheat was reaped. Mr. Massey had large barns in the course of erection, and the men, baffled but not beaten, said, "He cannot raise his barns without our aid. We will make him give us the whiskey." The men were determined, but Daniel Massey, who was equally determined, won the battle by making a few

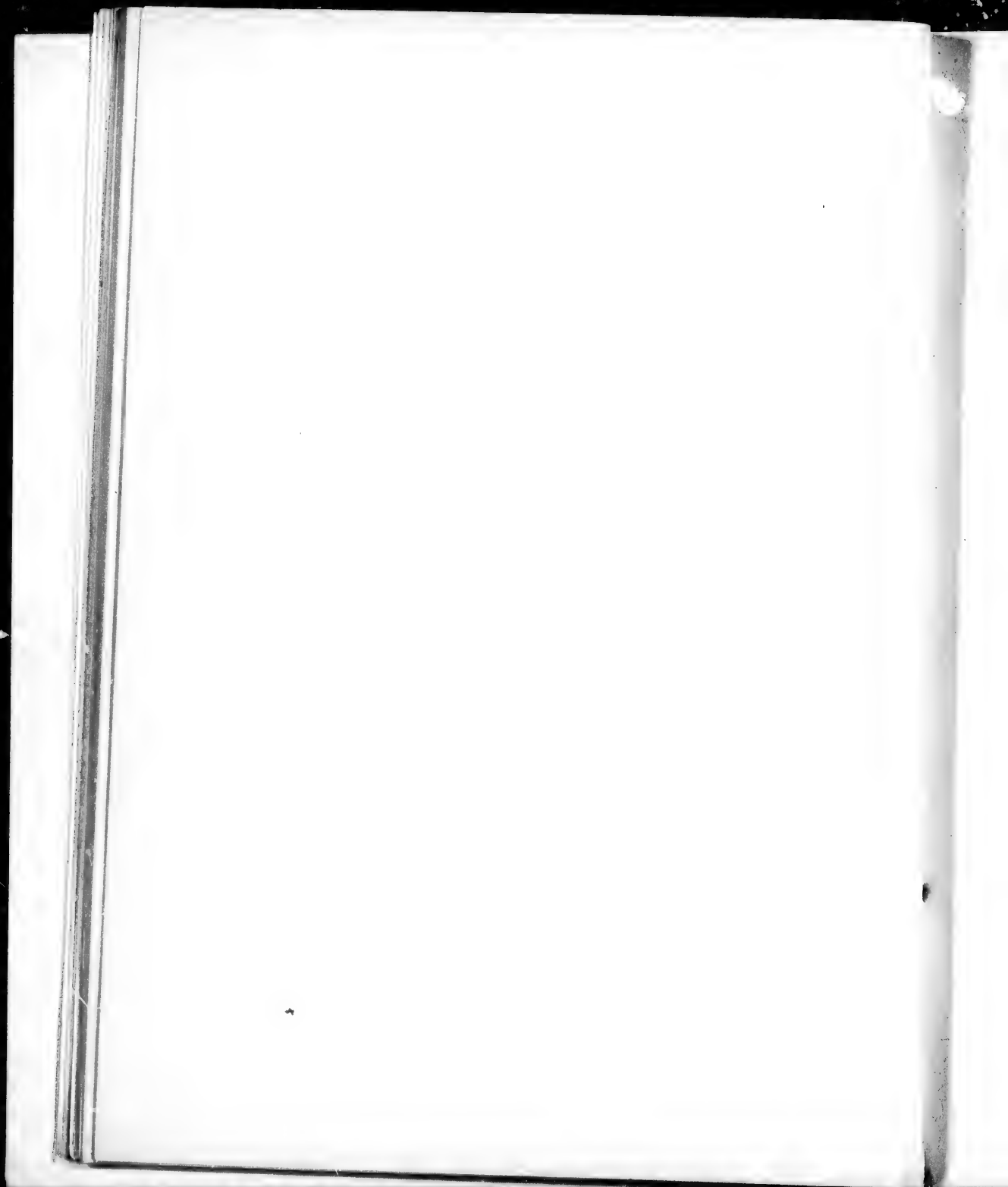


sailors with some ship's tackle do the work of many hands.

Opposition sometimes drives men of strong will to extremes. The conflict seems to have had this effect upon Daniel Massey; his resentment against intoxicating liquor was so strong that he refused to touch a drop upon his death-bed, though it was prescribed by the physician as a necessary stimulant. Under such training and amid such scenes Mr. Massey grew to manhood. You see that the strong will of H. A. Massey—the strong will which, when he believed himself to be in the right (and he generally believed that), was made stronger by opposition. The inflexible determination of purpose, which sometimes made foes, came down to him by direct descent.

During these early years young Massey went in the winter months to a log school house three miles from his home. The backwoods school i that day was of the type described by Oliver Wendell Holmes in "Elsie Venner," with this difference that Harvard undergraduates were not engaged as teachers. The attainments of the teacher were slender and the instruction given but meagre. His first unbroken year at school was spent in Watertown, New York, when he was eleven years of age; his fifteenth year was spent in Upper Canada Academy, Cobourg; his seventeenth year again in Watertown, and his twentieth and twenty-first years in Victoria College. The intervals were spent in hard work upon the farm and in lumbering; yet he had greater educational advantages than many. During his student days Dr. Ryerson was President of the College.

President Gillman of Johns Hopkins University once said to me: "The chief need of a college is strong men. Get thoroughly competent men as your professors, and everything else that you need—students, buildings,



apparatus—will follow in due time as a matter of course.” Dr. Ryerson and his associates were strong men, and their students became men of mark. Such men as Dr. W. T. Aikins, Professor Wright, Judge Springer and Dr. Ormiston were Mr. Massey’s classmates. Mr. Massey frequently spoke to me of the moral atmosphere of the College, which was very fine. He said that the professors were as quick to note spiritual as well as intellectual need. And a friendly invitation to a professor’s room would result in a conversation from which the young man would come with a firmer resolution to live a noble and Christ-like life.

It is worthy of note that Daniel Massey did nothing for his son which the boy could do for himself. While at school in Watertown he paid for his board by working out of school hours upon his cousin’s farm. During the year he spent in Upper Canada Academy, when he was fourteen years of age, he paid for his board by cutting wood and acting as fireman in the Cobourg tannery, and at a later period he paid all his expenses in cordwood, which he cut himself during vacation and drew to the College.

Daniel Massey was able and willing to supply his son with money; but he showed his wisdom by throwing him upon his own resources, thus developing strength of character. He said in substance, “My boy, your success is very dear to me; I am watching you; I am behind you, never forget that. You have my love, sympathy, applause, reproof, should reproof be necessary, and efficient aid, when aid is needed, but I cannot build character for you; you must do that for yourself and to do it you must stand alone.”

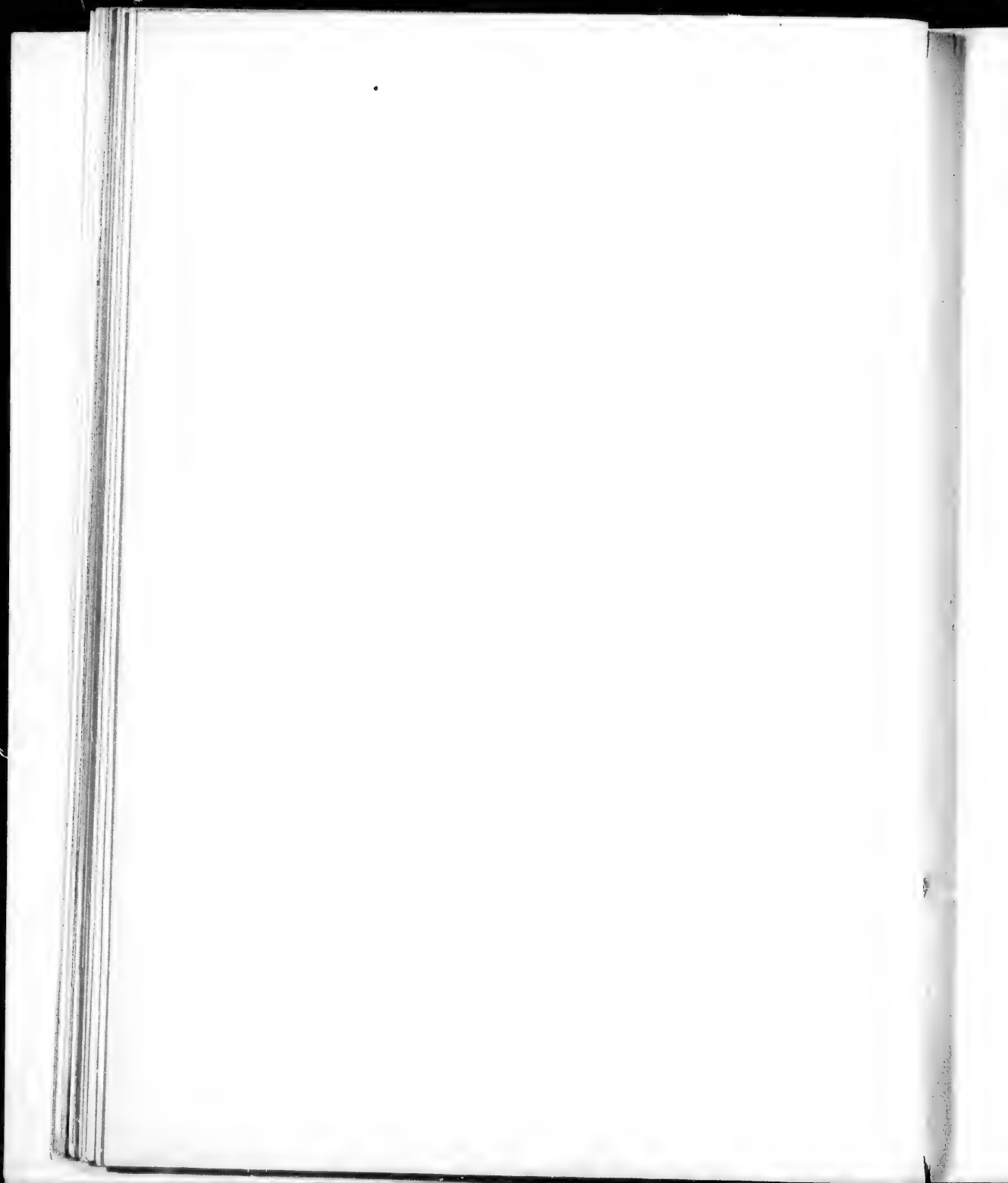
Edward the Third declined to send aid to the Black Prince, not that he did not love him, but because he loved him so much that he wished the glory of the day

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to be his alone. If our children are to be brave, capable, self-denying when they reach manhood and womanhood, they must bear burdens according to their strength in childhood.

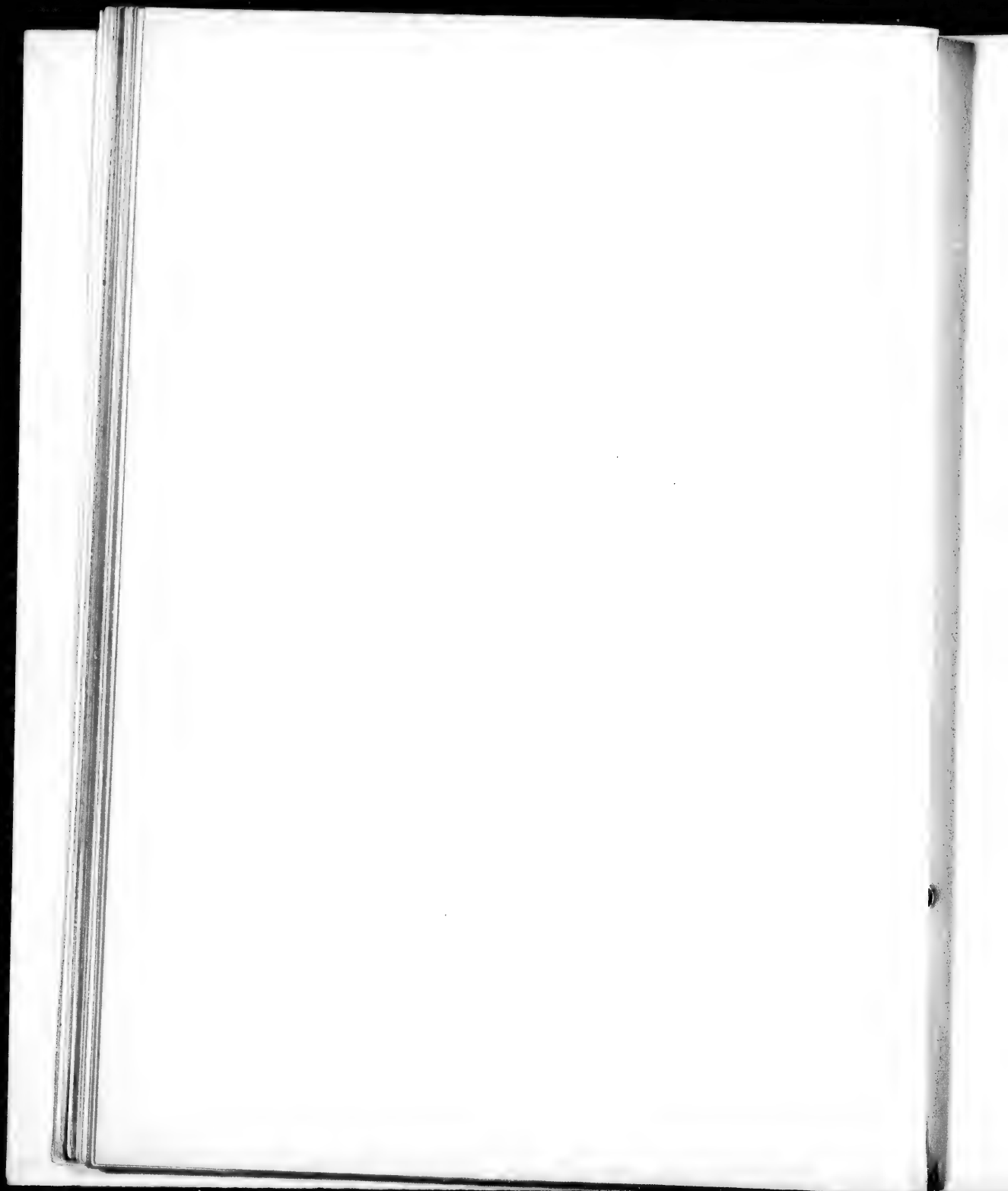
Mr. Massey's early life was hard, yet I am inclined to apply to it the words used by Matthew Arnold to describe a similar period in the life of a similar man—similar in its early training; for you may read General Grant's life from seven to seventeen as a description of the life of H. A. Massey during the same period—similar, too, in their strength, resolution, practical business-like qualities and in sterling good sense. "What a wholesome bringing up it was," says Matthew Arnold, speaking of this period in the life of Grant, "wholesome chiefly because of the self-reliance developed." The elder Massey tried wisely to bring his boy as early as possible to the point of self-government. Hard young Massey's life undoubtedly was, his advantages, in many ways, slender; but such a training makes strong men; and therefore I repeat "what a wholesome bringing up it was."

I will not speak now of his organizing ability, nor of his public and philanthropic spirit; the results of both are with you. Eulogy, he himself would say, were his lips not silent, is at such a time out of place. But I wish to remind you—you who have looked upon his success with admiration, and you who have looked upon his success with envy—for it is not always easy to rejoice in another's prosperity—I wish to remind you that his keen business sagacity, his untiring energy, his inflexible will and the wealth that he accumulated were all controlled by a tender conscience. H. A. Massey was a practical Christian; he knew the meaning of the word "conversion." During the last few months I had many interviews with him, and it is fitting that some of the



facts I learned should be laid before you: Mr. Massey always spoke of his conversion as having taken place when he was fifteen years of age, but after frequent conversations with him upon the subject, he agreed with me that his conversion took place at a much earlier period. From the time that he could perceive the difference between right and wrong his purpose was to do right—to do the best he knew. He read the Bible and prayed regularly, in no formal way, but with a sincere desire to know God's will and to do it. The father employed many men, some of them rough and profane, yet the boy, to the best of his recollection, never swore a profane oath in his life or used a word that would cause his mother to blush; nor did he hesitate, in a modest, unassuming way, to ask the men to avoid bad language. Even as a child he was active in religious services, and some of the men employed at that time upon his father's farm date from conversations with him the beginning of a better life. His firm purpose was to do right; he had a clear sense of his need of divine help, and was conscious that the required help was given. He gladly surrendered his will to Christ's law so far as he understood it. But this was not recognized as conversion by his advisors and instructors in spiritual things, because he had never experienced the moral shock resulting in overpowering religious emotion.

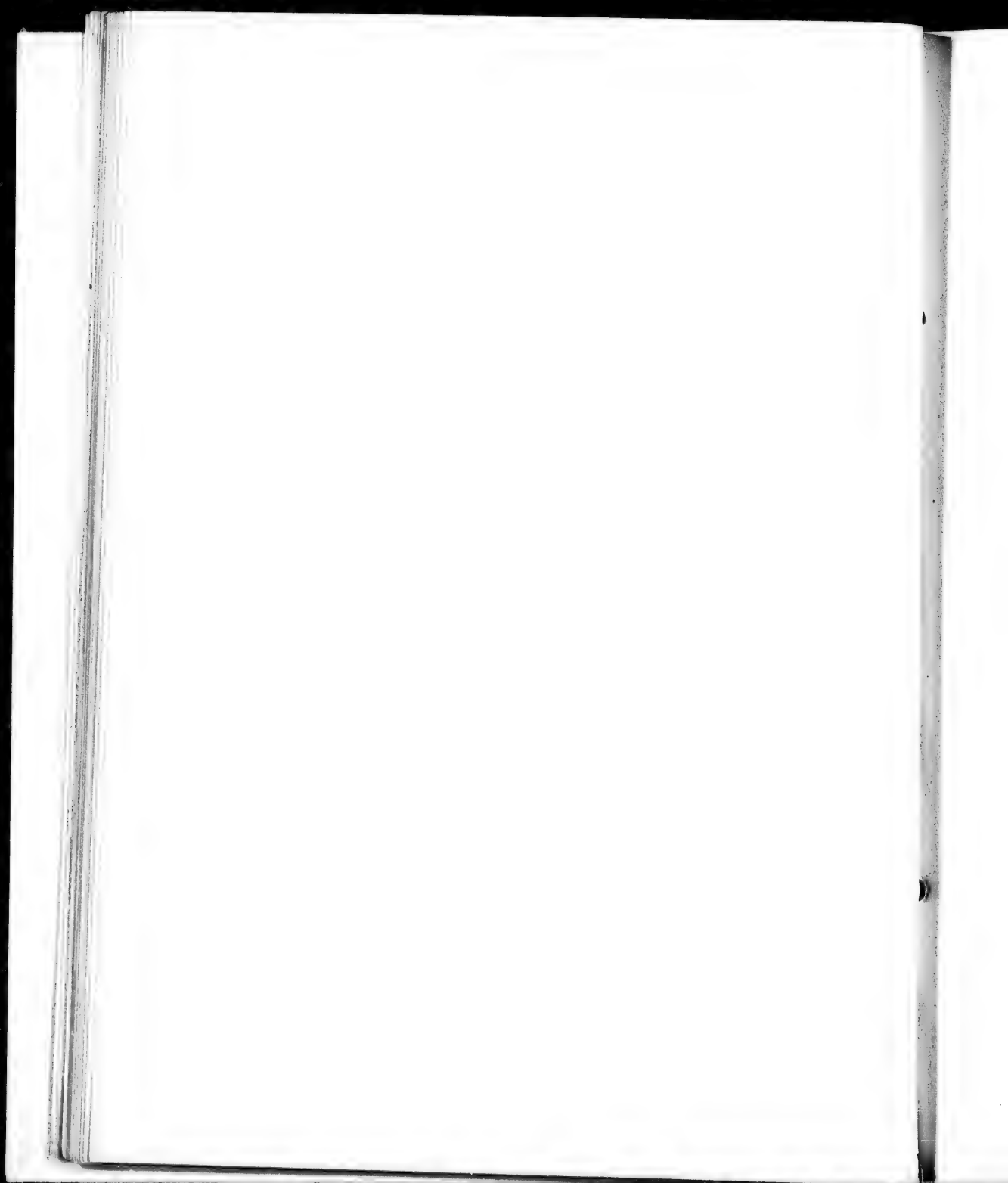
The family attended religious service in the log school house three miles distant where the Methodist Episcopal Church had a preaching appointment once in two weeks. Some of the neighbors were obliged to walk ten miles to attend this service. The distance, the roughness of the road, and the lack of means of conveyance presented obstacles that were not always surmounted by the indifferent and the careless. The boy saw this. When Mr. Massey was fifteen years old he conceived the idea



of holding a series of special services in his father's house. He obtained his father's consent, went to the preacher, who agreed to come, then notified the neighbors to attend. During the progress of the meetings he was the preacher's willing and efficient assistant, visiting absentees, searching out those who were under conviction for sin, persuading them to accept Christ; and while engaged in this work a new emotional experience of peace and joy came into his own soul. This, he was taught to believe, was conversion; yet we know that it was only a clearer view of the character of that Christ whom he had known for years, though not so intimately.

It seems strange that a quiet, consistent life; earnest devotion to duty, calm enjoyment of the public and private means of grace, faithfulness and love in the reproof of sin, earnestness and success in working for the salvation of others—it seems strange that these should not be regarded as evidences of conversion on account of youth, and the absence of vivid emotion. The Church is wiser now; it believes in the possibility of conversion in childhood and works for it and expects it. In one sense conversion in adult life is unnatural; it is better than never, but children should be taken at the starting point. It is in most instances in the power of the parents so to rear the child that it shall from the earliest period be drawn by the Spirit of God.

The revival services were greatly blessed and resulted in the formation of a class of which the boy of fifteen was appointed leader; he was also elected steward, and a member of the quarterly official board. Probably no other person in the Methodist Church was ever appointed to these positions so early in life. For fifty-eight years he was a member of the Methodist Church and during most of that time he occupied official positions.

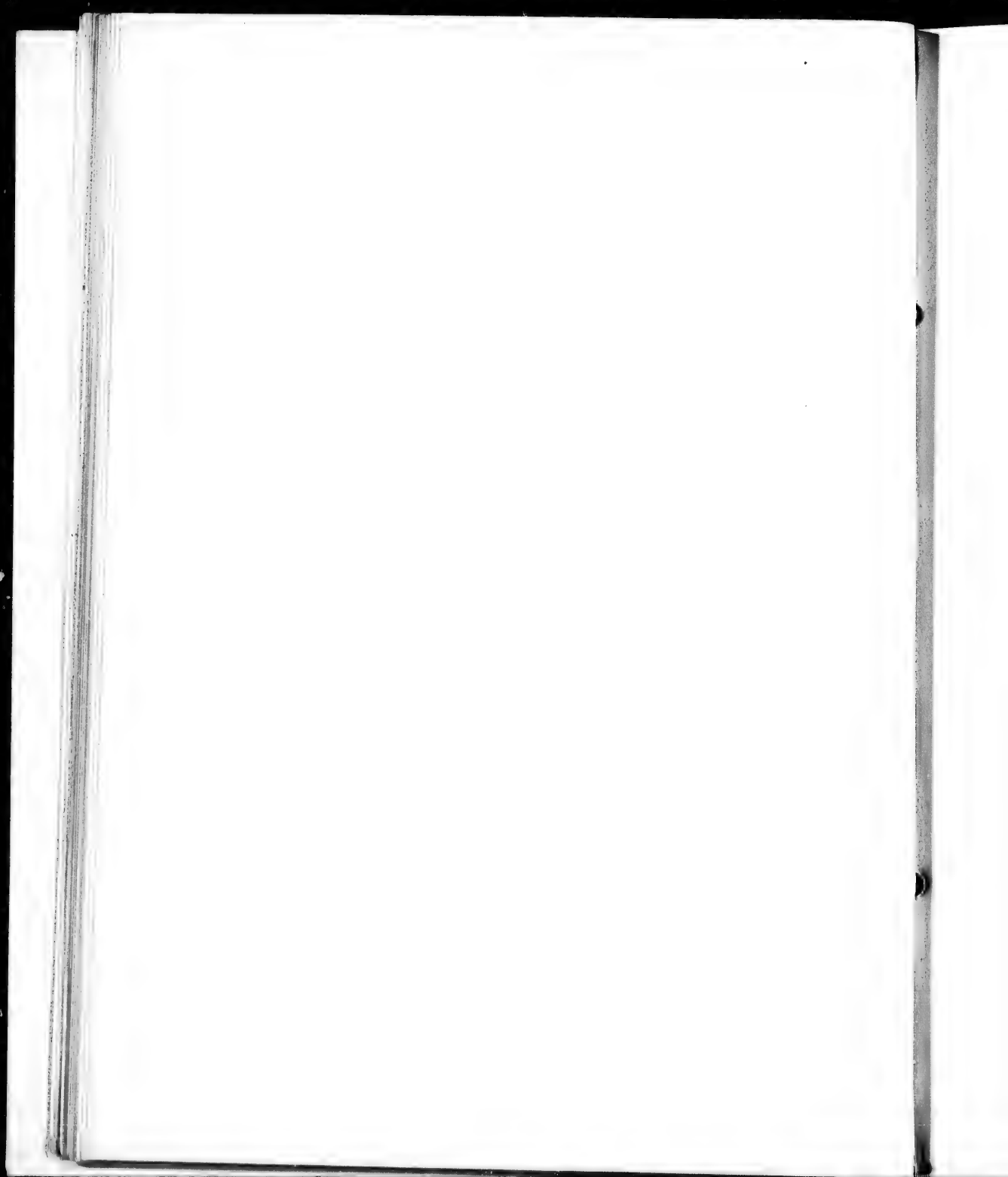


There are rare and costly articles in Mr. Massey's home but to none did he point with so much pride as to a Bible presented to him on severing his connection with the Sunday School in Newcastle, after being superintendent for seventeen years.

A letter addressed to him recently by an early friend contains the following sentence: "I have a friendly feeling for you because it was through your influence I became a worker in the Methodist church. I was then on the high road to drunkenness; I am a feeble old man now; but I think of these things with gratitude and pleasure."

I may refer briefly to the closing scene. He worked to the last; his spirit reminds one of Admiral Nelson. After the great sea king had received his death wound and been taken below he suggested that the fleet should anchor, and, you recollect, that his captain hinted that with death so near him he should drop responsibility and that the Vice-Admiral would probably take command. "Not while I live," said Nelson, "not while I live. Anchor, Hardy, anchor." When business is conducted for selfish purposes one may retire at will from active life; but when one regards his business as a trust from God for which he must give an account, and which he holds for the benefit of the community, he can no more leave his post than the preacher, or the physician, or the soldier can desert his post, merely because he does not require the stipend or pay to procure his daily bread.

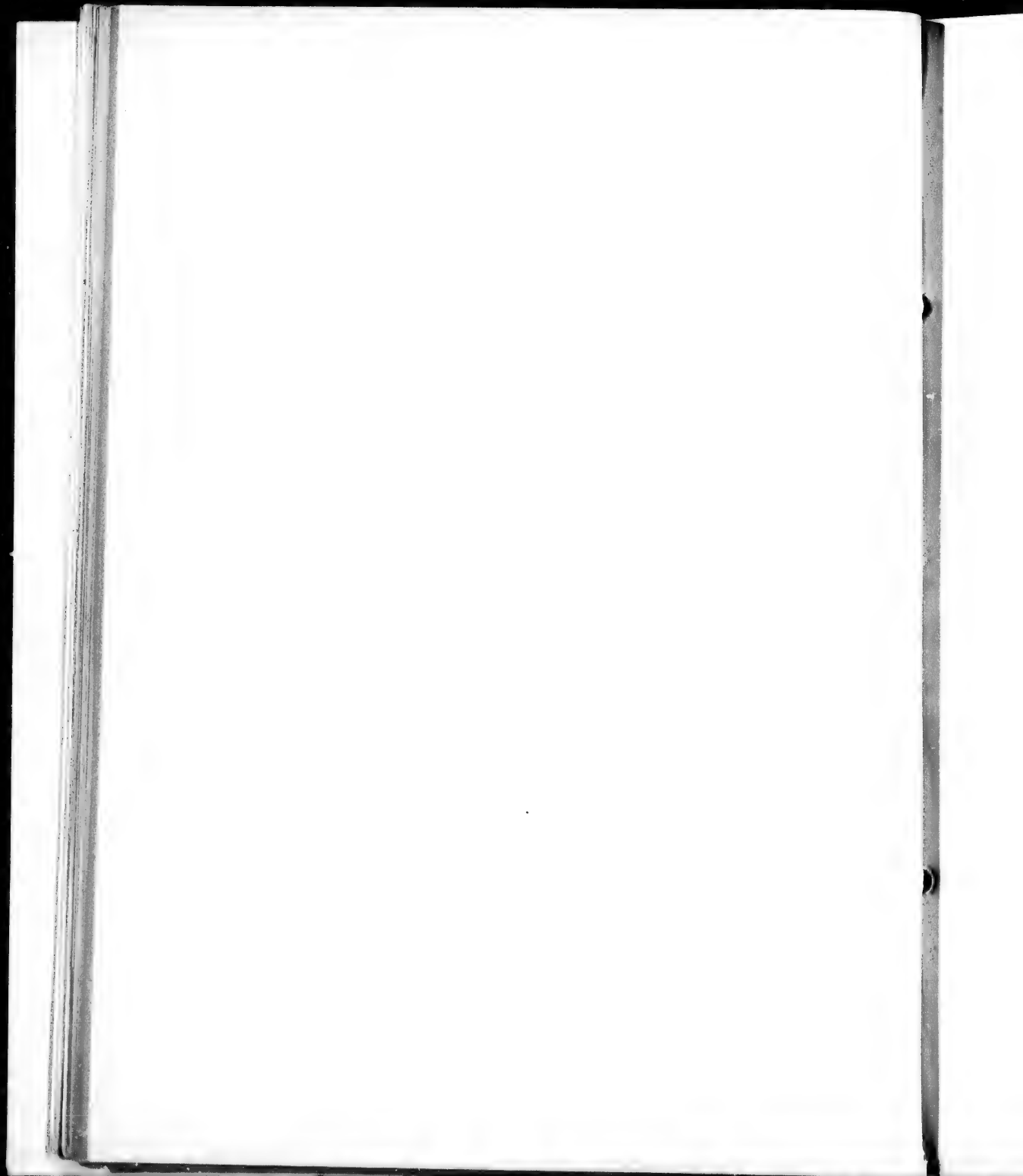
On Monday last he felt that his strength was gone and he relinquished control. On Tuesday afternoon I saw him for the last time, and the cool, rugged, undemonstrative, self-contained man was filled with the joy of the Lord. His mind was perfectly clear. After the interview I had with him, he transacted business of great



importance, calling it up himself, and gave directions respecting it, which showed that his understanding was as strong as ever. But when I saw him, the word rapture best describes his state of mind. He was fighting for breath and suffering much from weakness and from what I believe the physicians call air hunger; yet, he was lifted above bodily weakness and pain. His face glowed as he spoke of the presence and the power of God; he said again and again, "Oh, how good God is! How good God is! How good God is." I referred to his distress and to his labored breathing, but this seemed to bring another form of the divine goodness to his mind. He said, "yes, I have suffered much and I am suffering now, but labor is rest and pain is sweet if Thou my God art here," and he went on "and God is here; God is here." "Oh," said he, "God is good; I have so much to thank him for. Thanks be unto God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." The last enemy was conquered; death was to him the servant sent to unlock the gates to endless life.

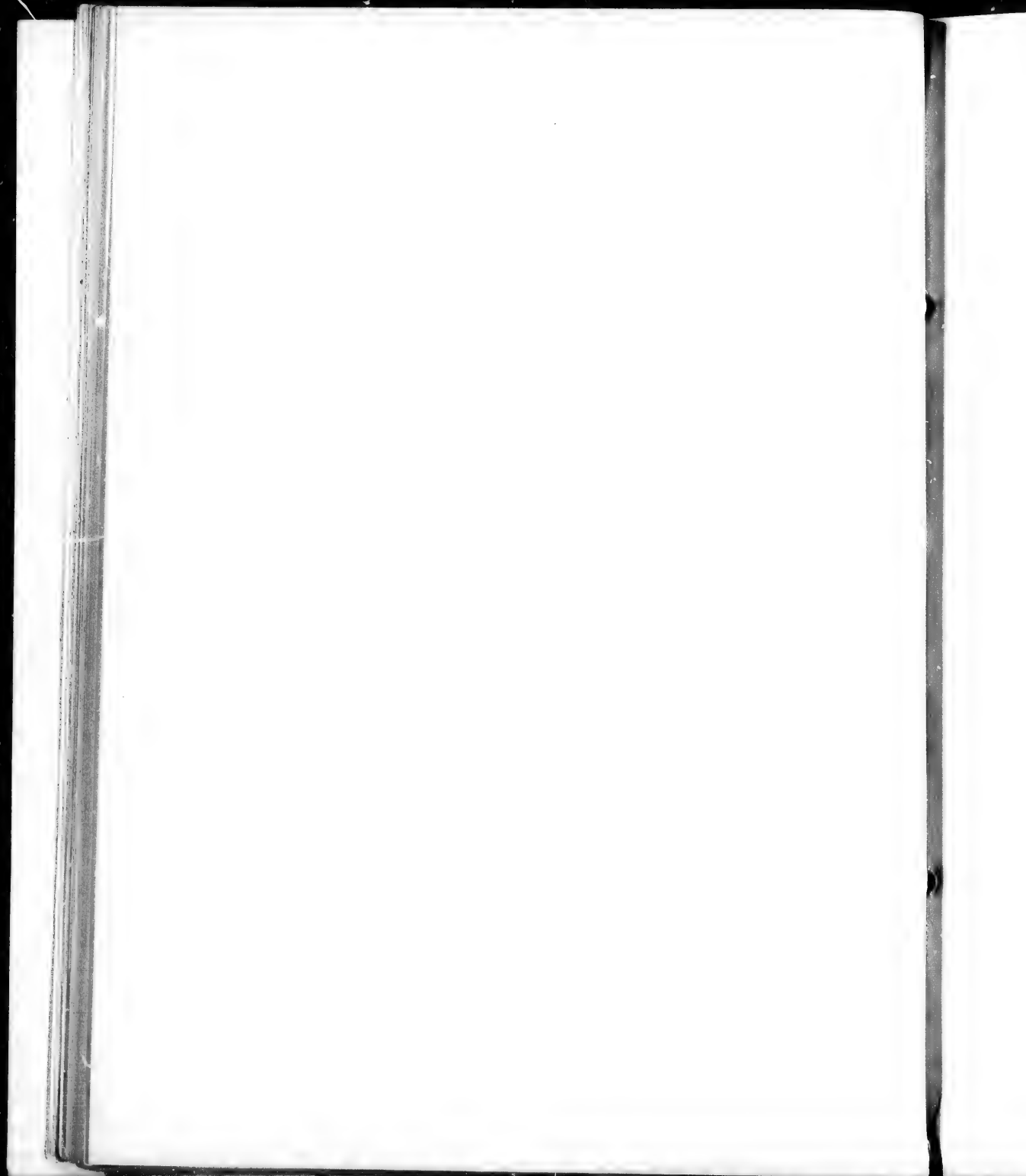
The death of Mr. Massey is a thing not to be lamented, even by the many who knew and personally loved him; even by the few to whom he bore the sacred relation of husband and father. Unto all men it is appointed once to die. To him more than the full measure of a man's life was granted. He was permitted to approach to its extreme verge; to him was granted also a course and a task such as the greatest might envy. What more could we ask or desire than that he should have leave to depart, having finished the work that was given him to do.

Through all the stages of man's life he passed, not without faults; he himself would be the last to claim that, yet even those who differed from him most will admit that he passed through them all nobly. In youth,



adversity did not depress him; in manhood, he held equally on his way; prosperity and the flatterings of fortune did not unbalance him; old age, which is often dark and feeble, he rendered attractive. Who that saw both sides of his character, one side capable, rugged, strong-willed; the other side manifested more clearly to intimate friends and fully in his home, where all that was apparently harsh and forbidding was melted away in the perfect love that banishes fear—who that knew him thus but could have wished that he, too, were such an old man, and who that saw the closing scene but would say, "Let my last end be like his."

Let me leave you with these words as containing the lesson of his life, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." And let me remind you that "there is only one place where a man may be nobly thoughtless,—his death-bed. No thinking should ever be left to be done there."

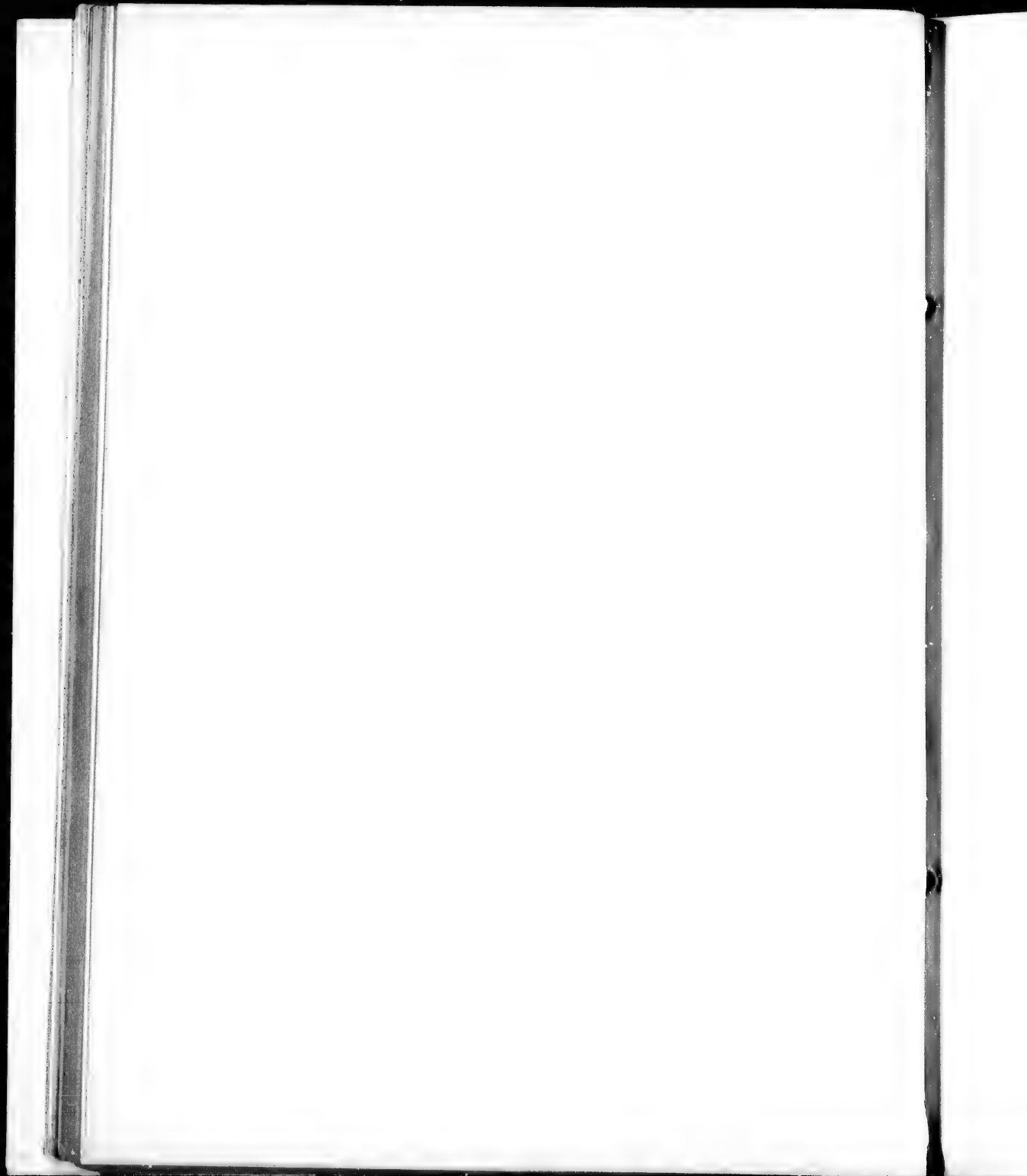


RESOLUTIONS

RELATING TO THE DECEASE OF

Hart A. Massey,

PASSED BY VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS.



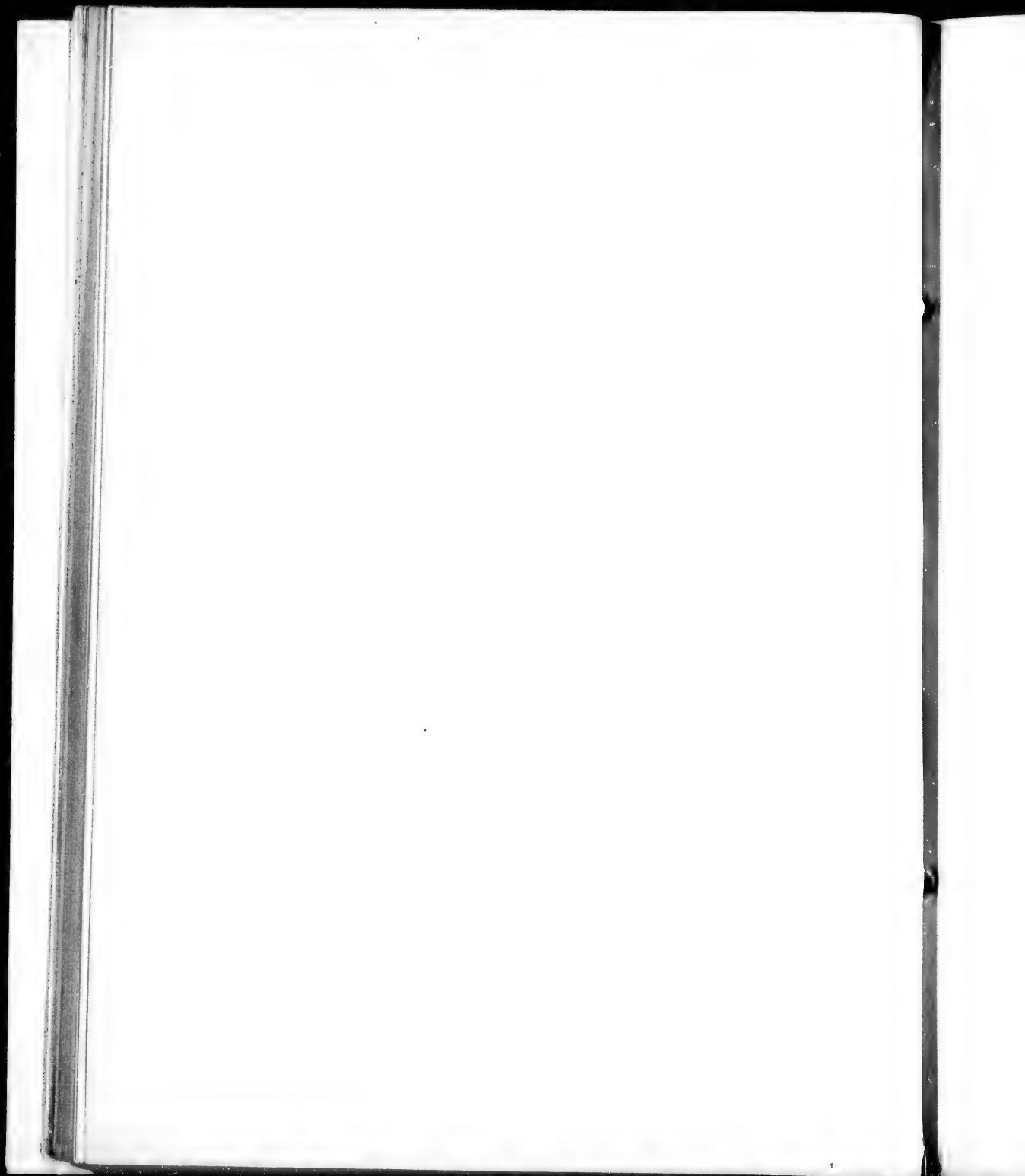
*FROM THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF
THE CITY OF TORONTO, MARCH 2nd, 1896.*

THAT WHEREAS, the late Hart A. Massey, by his distinguished business ability and great success in the prosecution and development of manufacturing enterprises, has contributed largely towards the wealth and reputation of our city, and the promotion of manufacturing and agricultural interests throughout our Dominion and in other lands;

And whereas, he has placed our citizens under a great and lasting debt of gratitude by his princely generosity, manifested during his lifetime in such public gifts as the Massey Music Hall and the Fred. Victor Mission, and a liberal support of other benevolent and educational institutions, involving an expenditure of over \$300,000, and at his death by further magnificent bequests of a similar character to the extent of nearly seventeen hundred thousand dollars;

And whereas, he has endeared himself to all classes of the community by his sterling Christian character, his noble example in connection with public affairs, his business methods and his private life;

And whereas, the City of Toronto has sustained a heavy loss in the lamented decease of our esteemed fellow-citizen, though permanently benefited by the results of his ability, munificence and benevolence, long to be cherished with affectionate remembrance and esteem;



Therefore Resolved,

That the Council of the Corporation of the City of Toronto hereby places on record its high appreciation of the lofty principles, the sterling character, and useful life of Mr. Massey, and respectfully desires to convey to his sorrowing relatives the profound sympathy felt with them by our city and country in their present deep sorrow and loss.

In testimony whereof, the seal of the said city, and the signatures of its duly authorized officers are hereto affixed.



(Countersigned)

ROBERT J. FLEMING,
Mayor.

JNO. BLEVINS,
City Clerk.

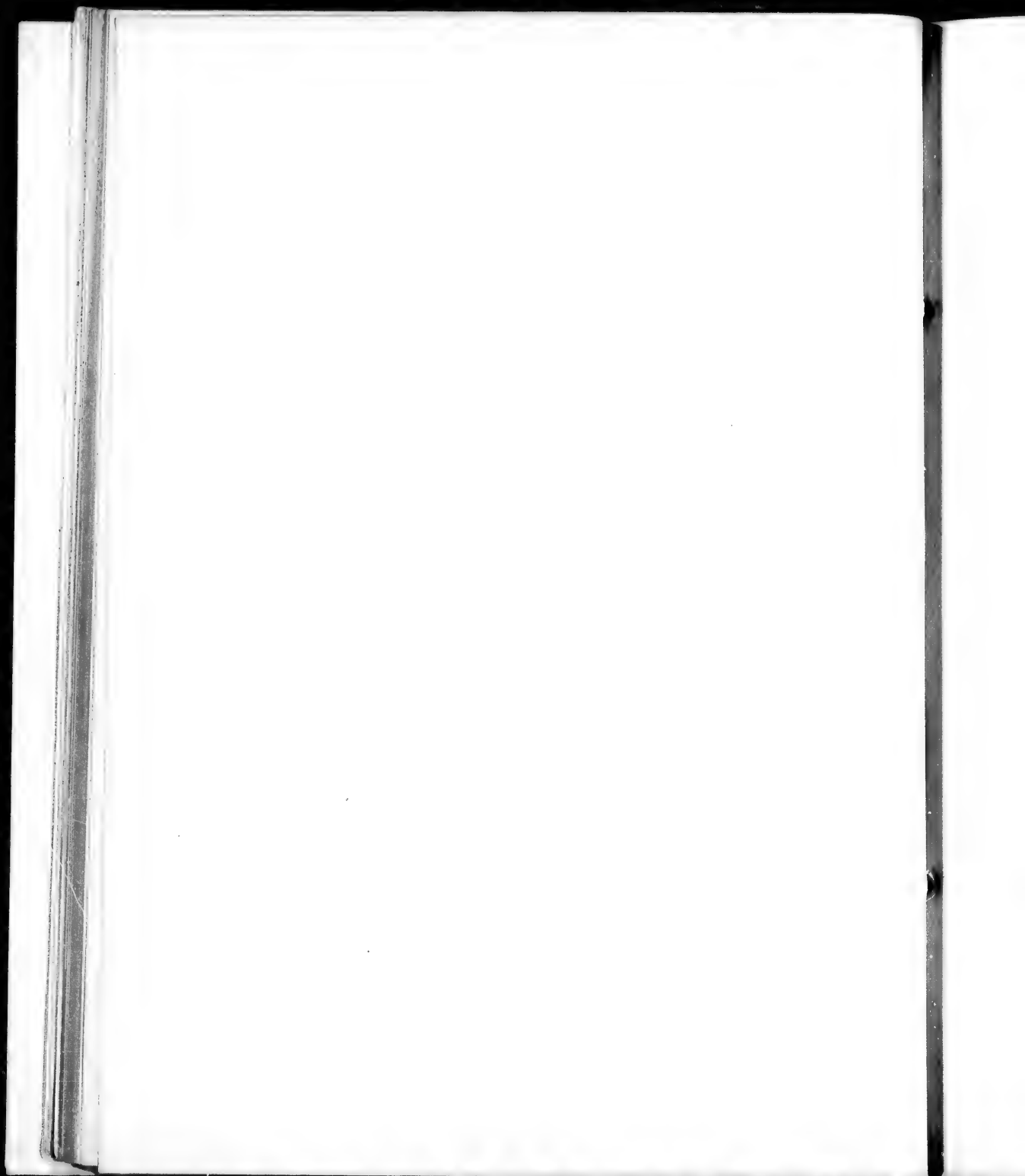
R. T. COADY, *Treasurer—Keeper of Civic Seal.*

*FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MASSEY-
HARRIS CO., Ltd., FEBRUARY 24th, 1896.*

WHEREAS it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove from us our honored and esteemed President, Hart A. Massey, with whom we have had such pleasant and intimate relations since the inception of this Company, we consider it eminently fitting that we should place on record our appreciation of his services and our regret for his loss;

Therefore it is hereby

Resolved, That this Board of Directors will ever hold



in grateful remembrance the clear-sightedness displayed at all times and under all circumstances by our late President and co-director, Hart A. Massey.

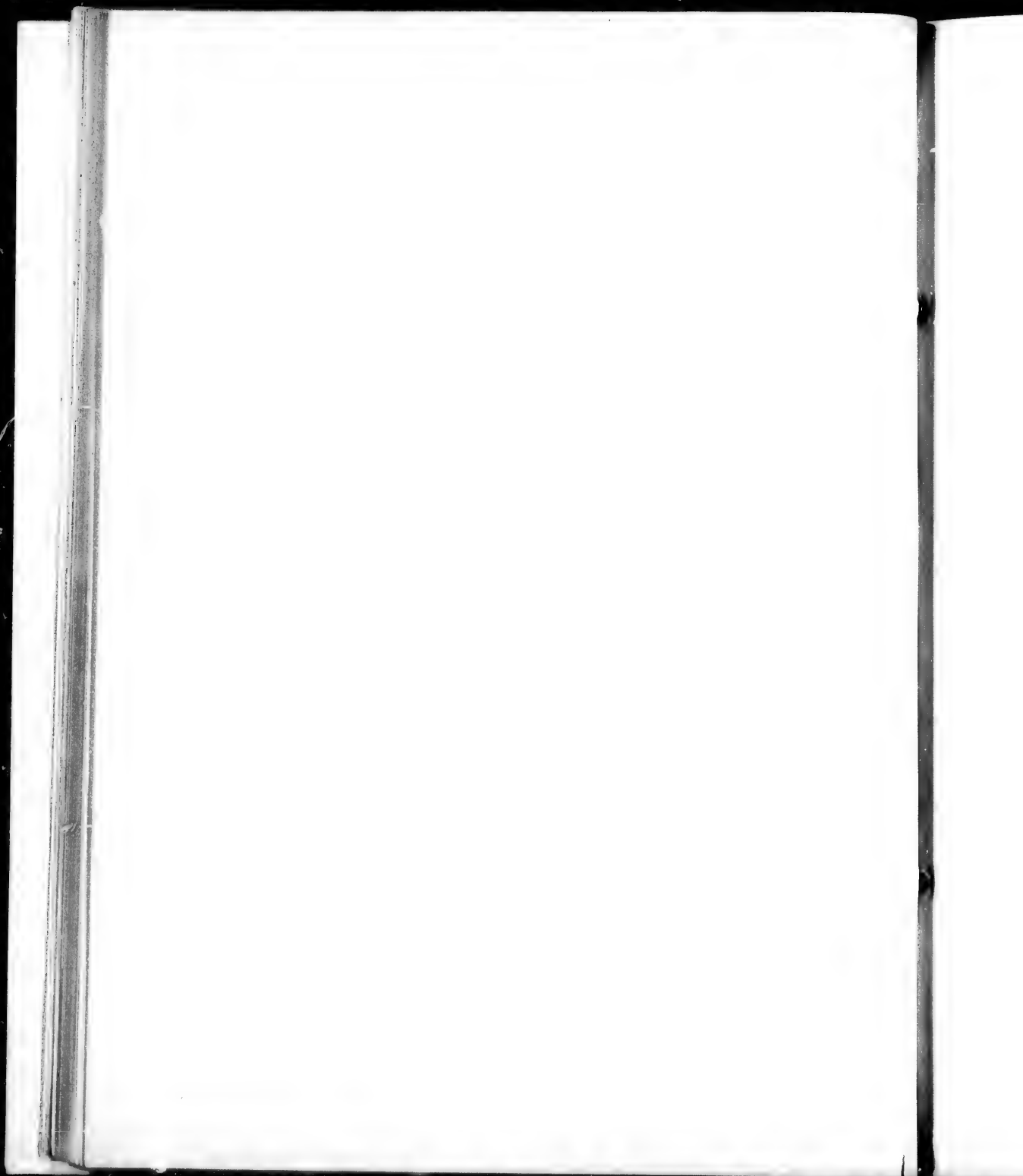
Identified, as he has been, for nearly half a century with the manufacturing industries of Canada, presiding over a business insignificant in its beginnings, but which has grown, under his guiding hand, to be one of the largest of its kind in the world; yet, amid the cares and trials of business, he found time for the exercise and development of those noble qualities which have ever in view the amelioration and advancement of mankind. As a successful manufacturer he will long be remembered, but as a philanthropist in the cause of religion, education and charity, he will ever live in the hearts of those who knew him.

We feel that in this community and particularly in this Board his removal creates a vacancy not easily filled and we fully realize and doubly deplore the great loss we have sustained.

We desire to extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Massey and to the bereaved family and friends, hoping that even in this time of sadness and affliction they may find some slight consolation in knowing that the worth of our deceased President, both in his private qualities and in his public services, is properly appreciated.

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE METROPOLITAN CHURCH, MAY 8th, 1896.

Whereas our esteemed brother, Hart A. Massey, for nearly three years a member of the Board of Trustees of the Metropolitan Church, "ceased from his labors and entered into rest" on the twentieth day of February



A. D. 1896, this Board embraces the occasion of its first regular meeting to place on record its appreciation of the valuable service rendered by him to the Board and its deep sense of loss occasioned by his removal. Active zealous, and liberal in every cause which enlisted his sympathies, the Methodist Church as a whole, and the Metropolitan Church in particular, has benefited greatly by his earnest labors and his large-hearted generosity, the latter not terminating with his death, but continued by his munificent bequests provided for in his Will. While sharing with his family the joy of such a triumphant close to a long life cheerfully spent in the service of God and the Church, we extend to them our deep sympathy in their great bereavement.

That a copy of this resolution be appropriately engrossed in album form and the mover and seconder be authorized to carry this out.

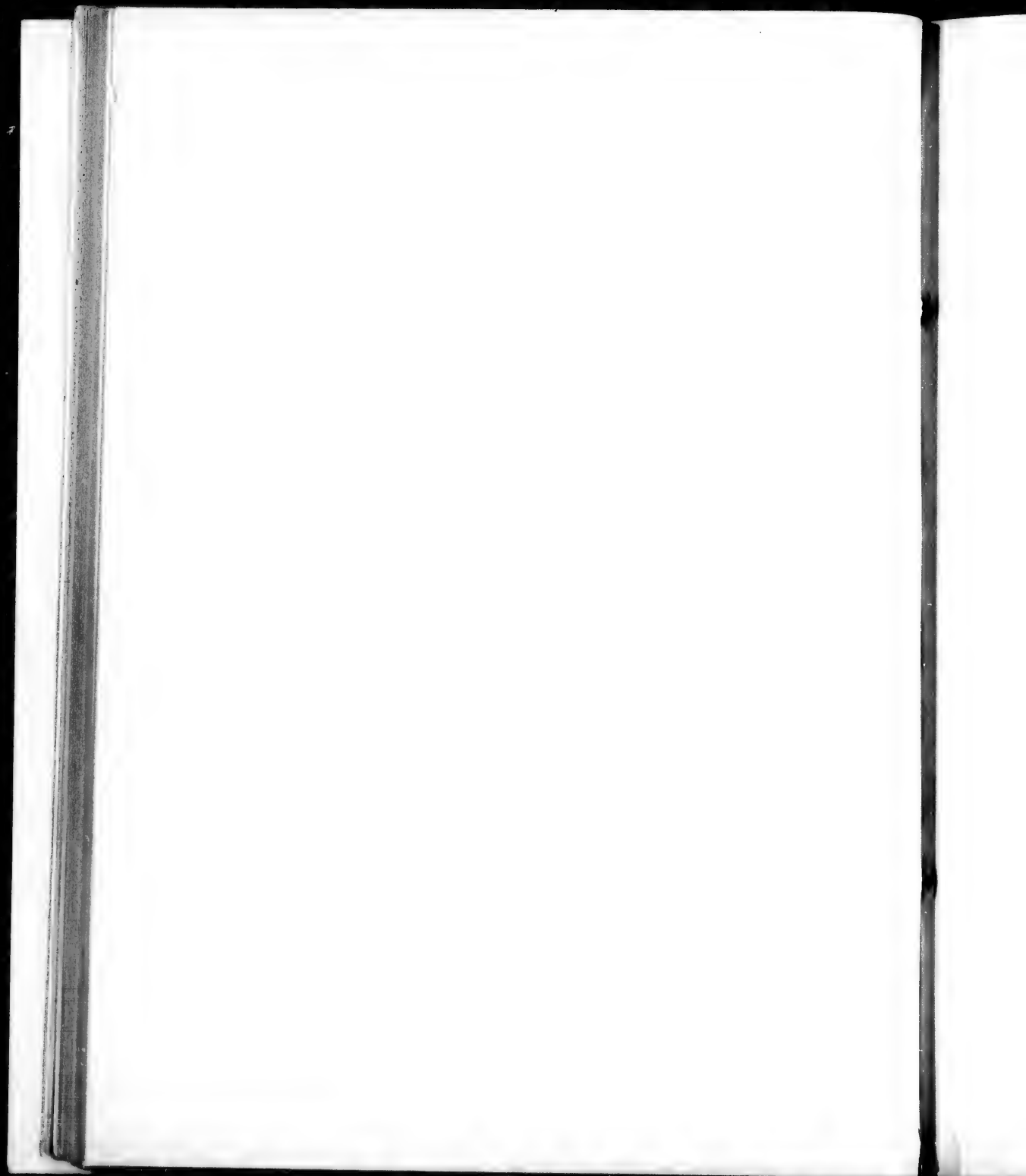
T. G. MASON,
Secretary.

JAMES ALLEN,
Pastor.

*FROM THE QUARTERLY OFFICIAL BOARD OF THE
METROPOLITAN CHURCH, MAY 11th, 1896.*

Resolved, That the following minute in reference to the late Hart A. Massey, deceased February 20th, 1896, be entered on the records :—

During the past quarter the Angel of Death has invaded our official circle and removed from amongst us our esteemed brother, Hart A. Massey, representative from the Board of Trustees to this Quarterly Official Board. Converted in early boyhood, he became a member of the Methodist Church and at once entered upon active work for the Master, which was continued in various church



relations to the day of his decease. Spared to enter upon his seventy-third year, through his long life he gave freely of his energies, time and means to the service of the Church of his choice. In a lengthened and successful business career he proved that "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." Whatsoever his hand found to do he did it with his might; now "he rests from his labors and his works do follow him."

FRED. ROPER,
Recording Steward.

JAMES ALLEN,
Pastor.

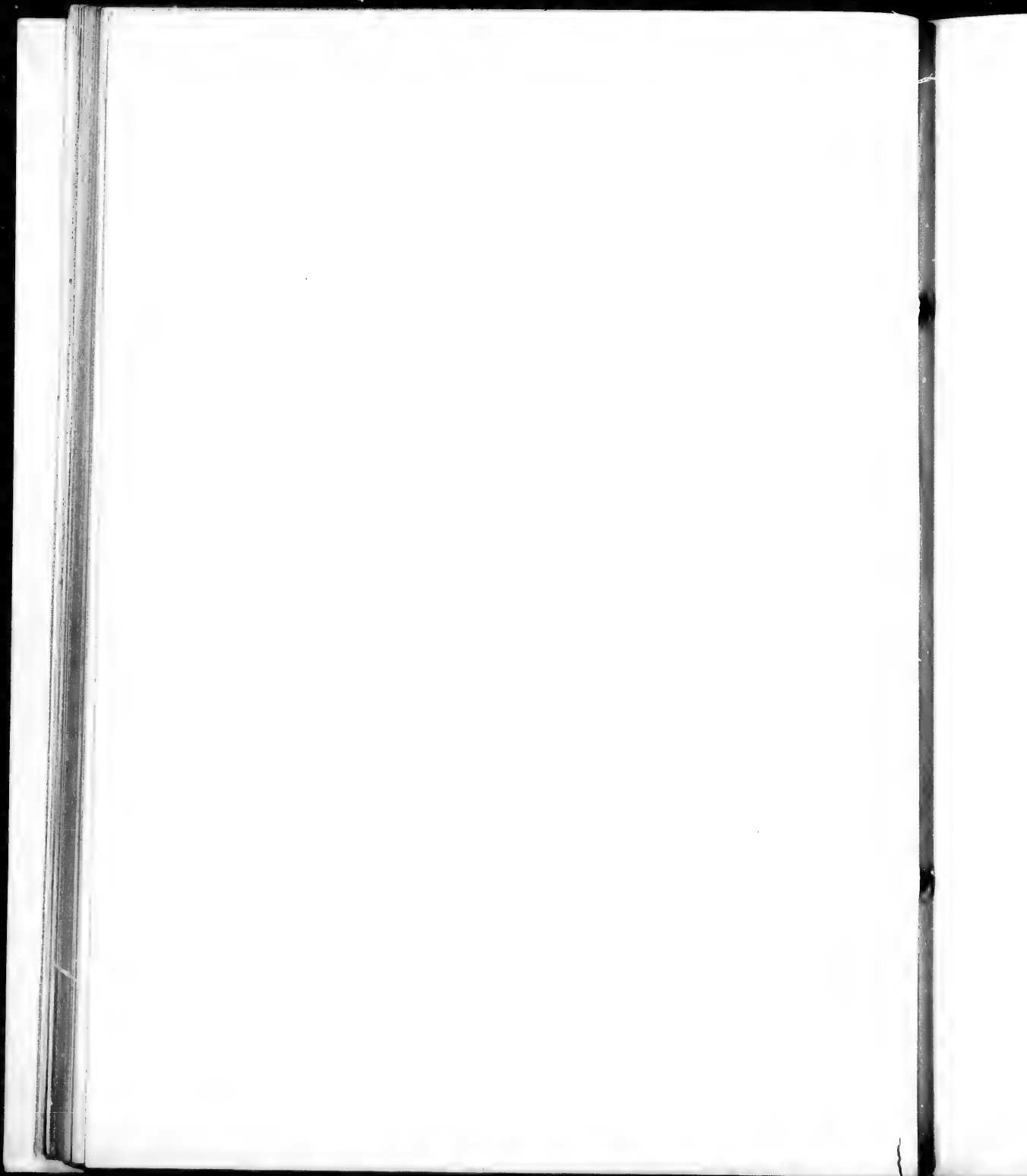
*FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF
THE METHODIST SOCIAL UNION, MARCH 24th, 1896.*

It is with unfeigned regret that we record the death of Mr. H. A. Massey, who was a Vice-President and Ex-President of the Methodist Social Union.

The formation and existence of the Union is largely owing to the interest and zeal exhibited therein by Mr. Massey. He was an active worker and rendered valuable assistance in all the work of the Social Union. When health would permit he was seldom, if ever, absent from his post of duty.

We shall miss his wise counsel and hearty co-operation, but trust that his generous and benevolent spirit may inspire us to emulate his example.

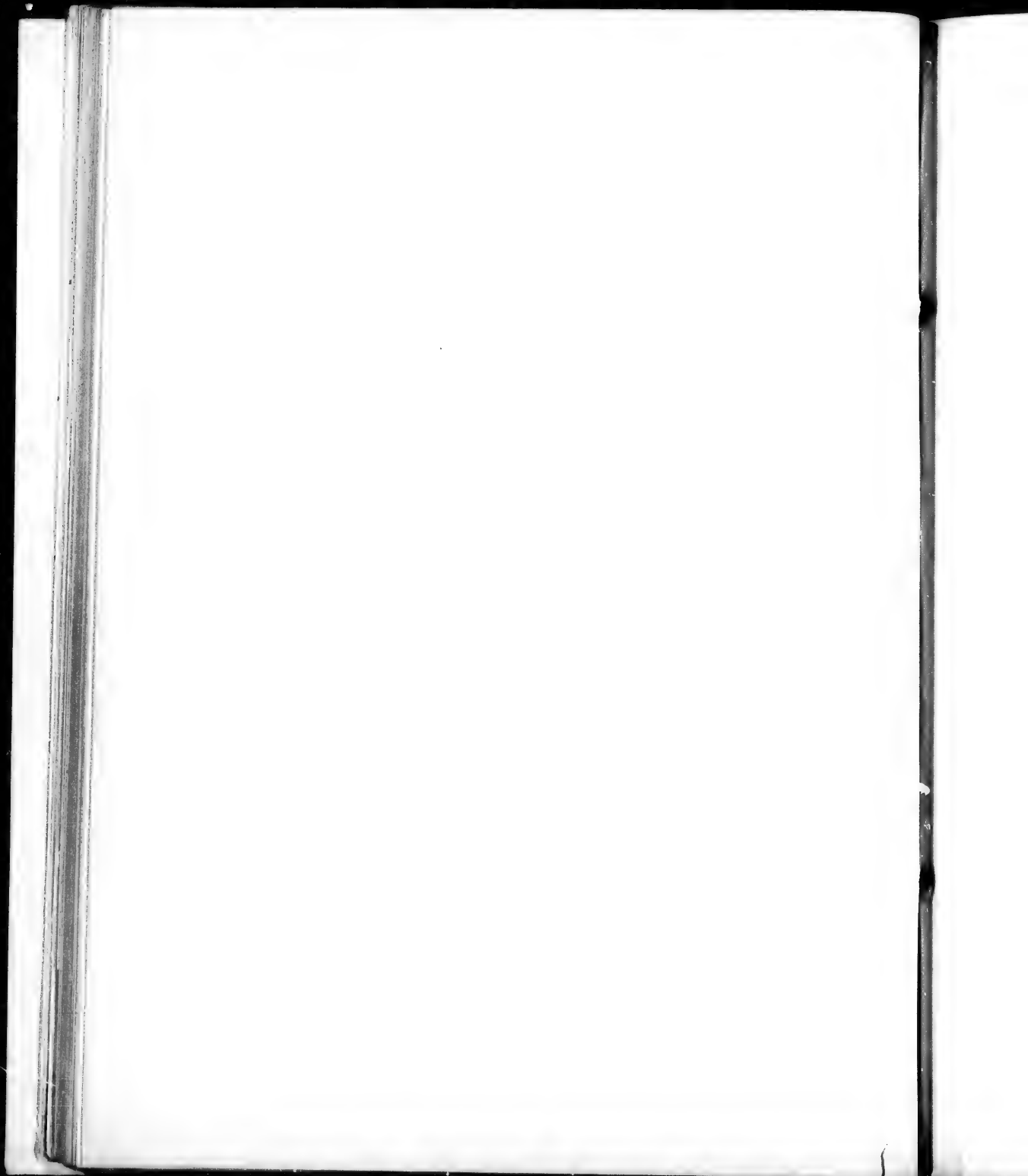
We offer to those dearest to him, his bereaved wife, and daughter and sons, our affectionate sympathy, and the assurance of our earnest prayers on their behalf, that the Father of Mercies and God of all comfort may graciously comfort and sustain them.



*FROM THE TRUSTEES OF THE MASSEY MUSIC
HALL, MARCH 6th, 1896.*

The Trustees of the Massey Music Hall desire to place on record their deep sense of loss and profound regret in the decease on February 20th of Mr. Hart A. Massey, founder and donor of the Hall. In the death of Mr. Massey the country has lost one of its foremost business men and one of its leading philanthropists, and the city one of its most spirited citizens. There were many enterprises and objects that were established or aided by his generosity in addition to the Music Hall. Mr. Massey's removal from our midst brings to mind his indefatigable labors in connection with the erection of the Music Hall. The merit of the gift to the citizens of Toronto of this building is not represented simply in the amount of money expended, but the large amount of time and labor that were given to it are liable to be overlooked; in fact the securing of a suitable location for the Hall was the outcome of years of consideration. The erection of the Music Hall and the Fred. Victor Mission, in addition to Mr. Massey's vast business responsibilities, had much to do with breaking down his health. It is a matter of gratification to us that Mr. Massey lived to see the Music Hall successfully carrying out the plans for which it was erected, and it is a remarkable fact that at no time since the erection of the Hall were the value of the building to the people and its adaptations to the uses for which it was built so fully demonstrated as at the time of the death of the donor.

The Trustees of the Hall hereby pledge anew their fidelity to the enterprise, their faith as to its future, and a determination as far as lies in their power to continue



the work on the lines so well thought out and expressed by the lamented donor in the deed of trust.

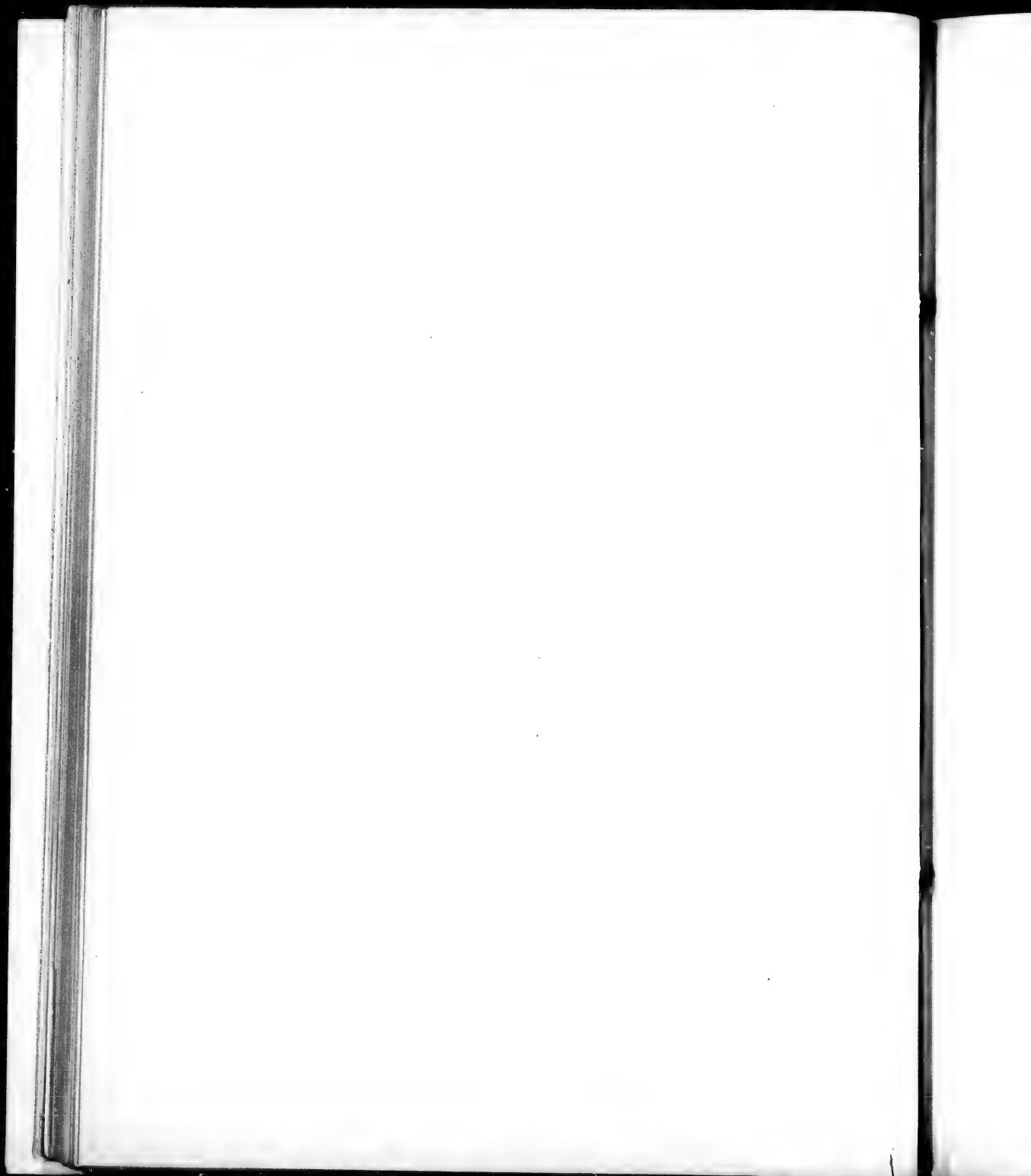
We hereby tender our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Massey in her bereavement and condole with her in the sorrow through which she is passing.

*FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE FRED
VICTOR MISSION, MARCH 10th, 1896.*

That we the members of this board desire to express to the family of the late Hart A. Massey, the Hon. President of this Society, our heartfelt sympathy for the loss they have sustained through his removal by death.

By the gift of the Fred. Victor Mission, Methodism in Toronto has received from Mr. Massey a building and equipment for City Mission work second to none on this continent. He has placed not only Methodism, but the whole City of Toronto under a debt of gratitude to him, by the establishment of an institution where such excellent facilities are afforded for ministering to the poor and reclaiming and saving the tramps and outcasts whose increasing numbers in all large cities is a problem confronting every Christian philanthropist. Not merely by providing this building, but by a practical, kindly interest in the work and progress of the Mission, Mr. Massey showed his loving sympathy for those whose condition, both spiritual and temporal, it is the object of this Mission to elevate. Among the many philanthropic, educational and religious objects which have been benefited by his generosity, we feel confident that, by God's blessing, none will show greater results for good than the Fred. Victor Mission.

Our earnest hope and prayer is that the Divine Com-



forter may be very near to Mrs. Massey and the bereaved family in this their time of affliction, and that they may see much of the results of Mr. Massey's Christian liberality in connection with this and many other objects.

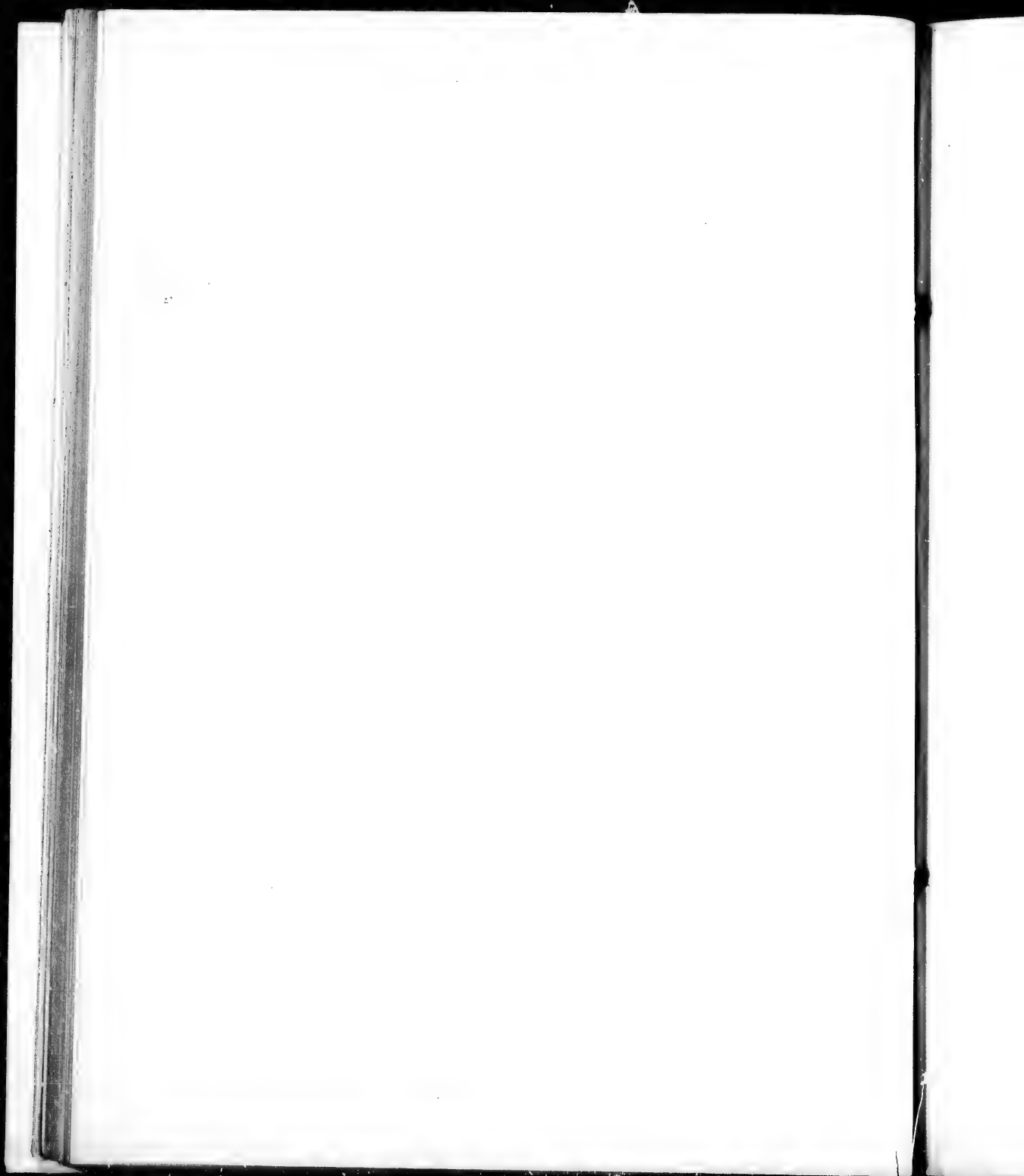
*FROM THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF VICTORIA
UNIVERSITY, TORONTO, MARCH 26th, 1896.*

That the Board desires to place on record its deep sense of the loss sustained by our Church and by our College and by our country at large in the death of the late H. A. Massey, Esq. More than fifty years ago Mr. Massey entered college as a student, and fitted himself for a long life of usefulness as a citizen and a member of the Christian Church. By his diligence and ability he achieved the highest success in his life work, and consecrated the whole of its large results with unstinted liberality to various works helpful to his fellowmen. In later years he devoted his time, experience, and means to the advantage of his Alma Mater, and in his departure remembered with special munificence the educational work of our Church in all its branches.

To Mrs. Massey and the bereaved family the Board desires to express its deep sympathy, and prays that the abundant consolations of Divine Grace may comfort their hearts in the sorrow of separation.

That to perpetuate the memory of the lamented H. A. Massey, Esq., a suitable portrait be procured and placed in the College with those of the other benefactors of the Institution.

And that the Chancellor, the Secretary of Education and the mover be a committee to carry this resolution into effect.



*FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
GENERAL BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE METHODIST
CHURCH, APRIL 17th, 1896.*

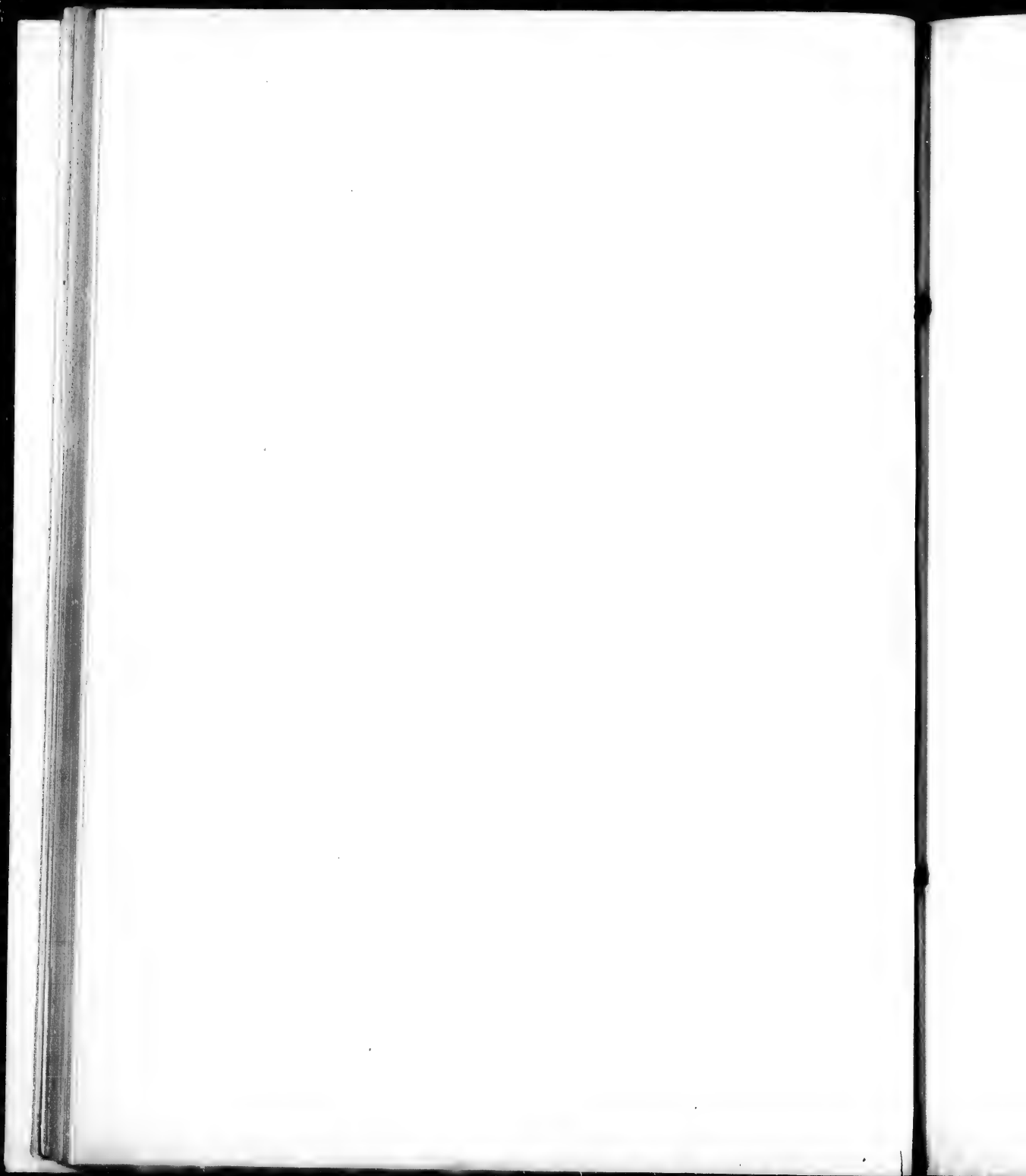
Resolved, That this Executive desires to express its sense of the great loss sustained by the Methodist Church and the Mission Cause, by the death of the late Hart A. Massey, Esq., and desires further to express its deep sympathy with Mrs. Massey and the members of her family in their bereavement, praying that the Divine promise may be richly realized by them,—“I will not leave you comfortless; I will come unto you.”

*FROM THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE
WESLEYAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, MONTREAL,
MARCH 6th, 1896.*

Resolved, That we hereby convey to the family of the late Hart A. Massey, Esq., Toronto, assurances of our profound sympathy with them in their painful bereavement, in which we earnestly pray that they may have abundantly the all-sufficient consolations of Divine Grace.

In the death of Mr. Massey we recognize the loss not only of one much beloved as husband, father and friend, but also of one of the foremost citizens of our Dominion, honored by all for his diligence, enterprise and integrity, and distinguished for his broadminded interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of our country.

We hereby record our grateful appreciation of the generosity and catholicity of his Christian charity, by



which both in his life and by his Will he has so substantially aided various worthy objects, religious, philanthropic, and educational, including this and other institutions of the Church of which he was a consistent and honored member.

That we request our colleague, the Rev. Dr. Potts, of Toronto, to present these resolutions to the family of the late Mr. Massey.

WILLIAM I. SHAW, LL.D.,
Principal and acting Chairman.

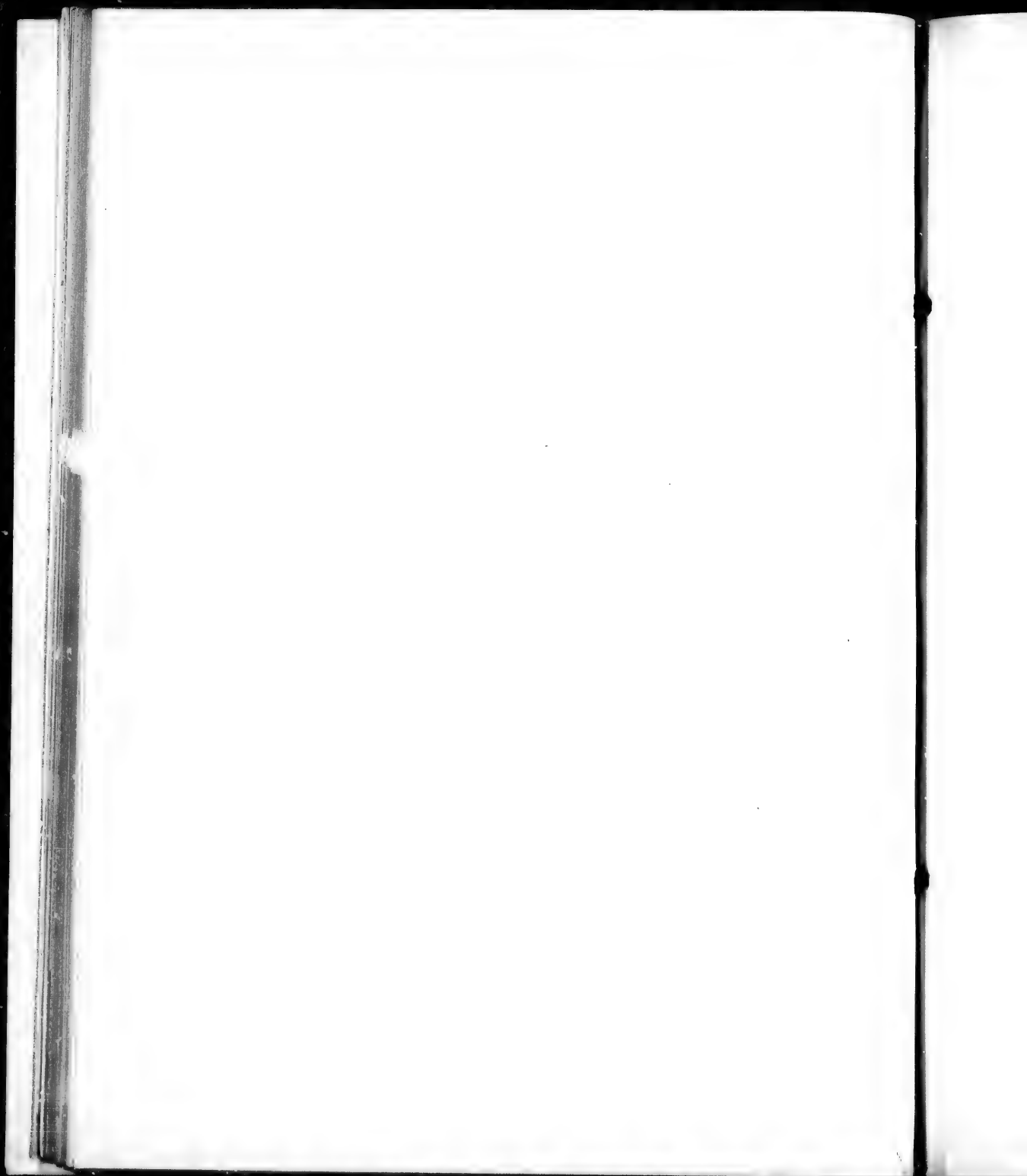
CHARLES MORTON,
Secretary.

FROM ALMA COLLEGE, ST. THOMAS, ONT.,
MAY 8th, 1896.

To Mr. C. D. Massey and the Executors of the Estate of
H. A. Massey :

The Alma College Executive, having received through your kindness, official notification that the Will of the late H. A. Massey bequeaths to Alma College the sum of ten thousand dollars, wish to express at this first opportunity their sense of gratitude for this generous consideration of the work being done by Alma College in the interest of the Christian education of young women. It is the opinion of this Executive that this, the largest gift ever made to the College, is one calling for especial expressions of thankfulness, since it brings the double benefit of direct financial aid and the no less important help of commanding example.

The College has thus far been developed by the comparatively small contributions of thousands of generous persons of limited means, and considering the great work that has been accomplished by these smaller givings, the Executive are very much encouraged by Mr. Massey's



benefaction to expect in course of time to see these fine beginnings of a great educational institution enlarged until the College reaches their ideal in more fully affording most ample facilities to the great number of young women anxious to secure the best culture of body, mind and heart so as to successfully meet life's responsibilities and opportunities.

The Executive would reiterate the sentiments of sympathy communicated to the bereaved family by Principal Austin at the time of Mr. Massey's death, as expressive of their high regard for one so widely known for his devotion to all the higher interests of the community, and believing it due to the memory of the deceased, and due to you as his Executors, that our feelings should be made known in these respects, we have instructed the Chairman and the Secretary of the Executive to deliver to you this sincere expression of appreciation by one of the beneficiaries of Mr. Massey's remarkable bounty.

On behalf of the Alma College Executive, and with much respect, believe us,

Yours very truly,

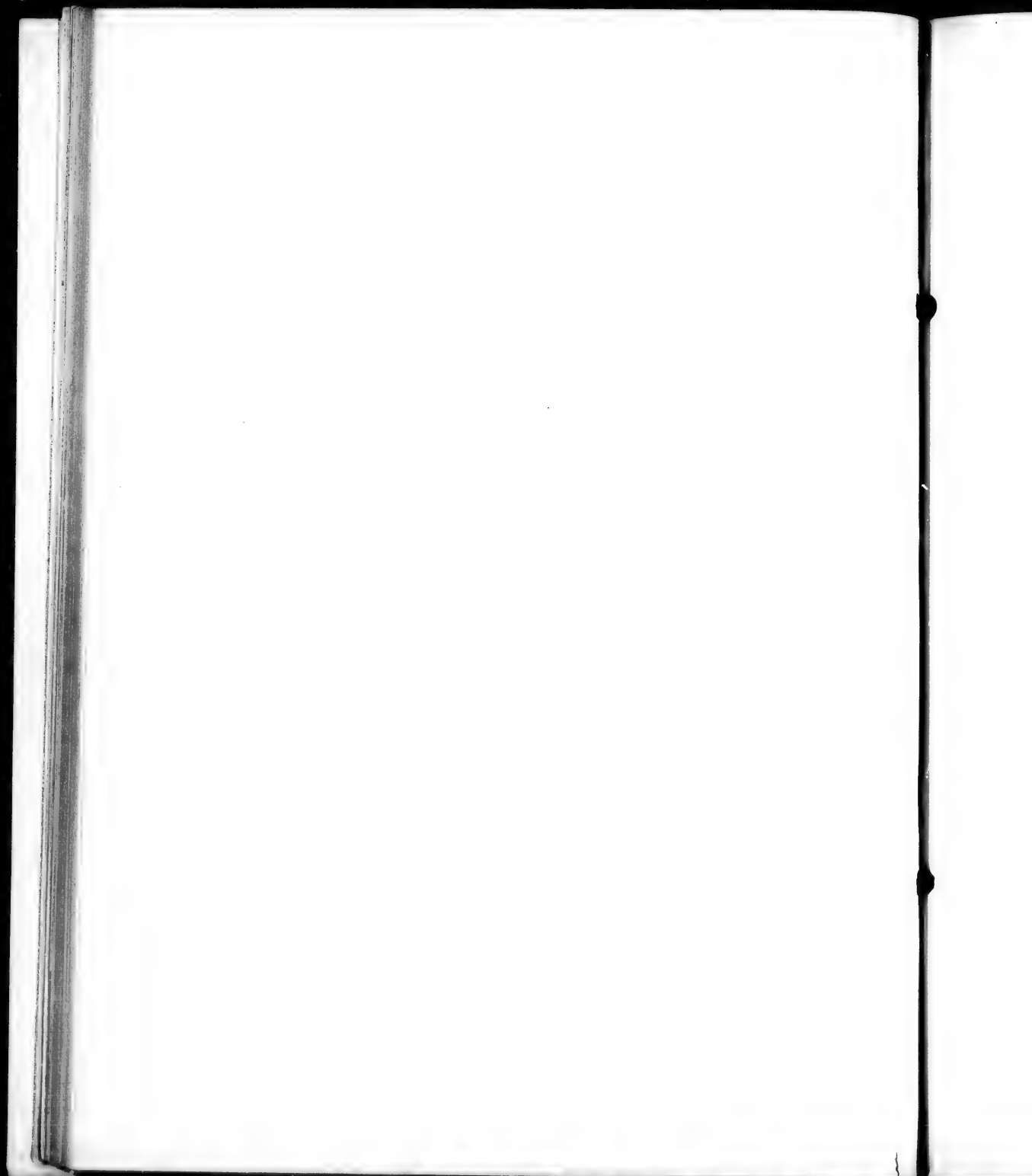
R. I. WARNER,
Secretary.

COLIN MACDOUGALL,
Chairman.

*FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
COLUMBIAN METHODIST COLLEGE, NEW WEST-
MINSTER, B.C., JUNE, 1896.*

Whereas H. A. Massey, Esq., having in the providence of God been called away, since the last meeting of the Board, from the scenes and cares of earth to the rewards and immortality of the skies.

Resolved, that the Board of Directors of Columbian



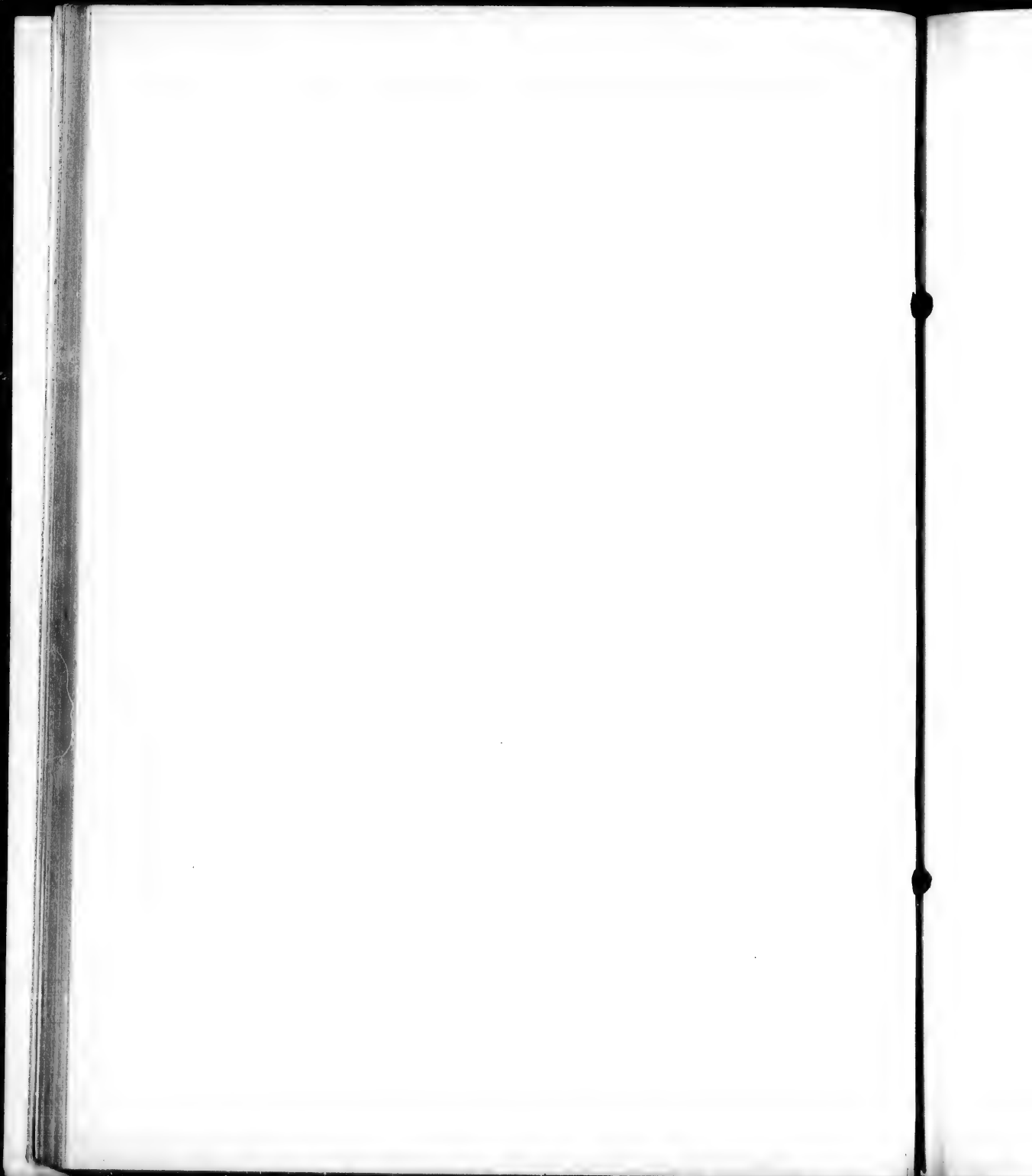
Methodist College desire to place on record their earnest appreciation of the life of supreme devotion to God which Mr. Massey lived, and of the services to the Church of God at large, and especially to the Methodist Church, which he rendered, by the lofty ideal of business success and integrity which he exemplified and by the large-hearted beneficence which he displayed.

By the noble gift which, in the kindness of his heart, and his warm sympathy with Christian education, he placed at the disposal of this Board to assist us in securing the eligible premises now occupied for the purposes of our College, his memory is endeared to us, and will be greatly cherished in coming years, when, (as we fully hope), this Institution shall have survived the difficulties which have marked its earliest history, and when it shall have become a powerful factor in moulding the Methodism of our Province.

We would offer our sincere condolence to the bereaved widow and family of our departed friend, and we pray that upon them may descend abundantly the Divine benedictions, and that upon his sons may fall the sacred mantle of devotion to God and humanity, which, during his useful life, enfolded their translated father.

*FROM THE BOARD OF LADY MANAGERS OF THE
PROTESTANT ORPHANS' HOME, TORONTO,
FEBRUARY 25th, 1896.*

The Lady Managers of the Protestant Orphans' Home desire to offer their sincere sympathy to Mrs. Hart A. Massey and family, upon the death of Mr. Massey, who, as one of the Committee of Council, ever had the interests of the Home at heart.



*FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE
TORONTO HOME FOR INCURABLES, MARCH 27th, 1896.*

That the Board of Management of the Home for Incurables, at their first meeting, place on record their regret at the death of one of their members, Mr. Hart. A. Massey.

They would extend to his sorrowing relatives their deep sympathy and condolence in this heavy loss and trust that the thought of the All-Wise Providence may be to them a source of lasting comfort.

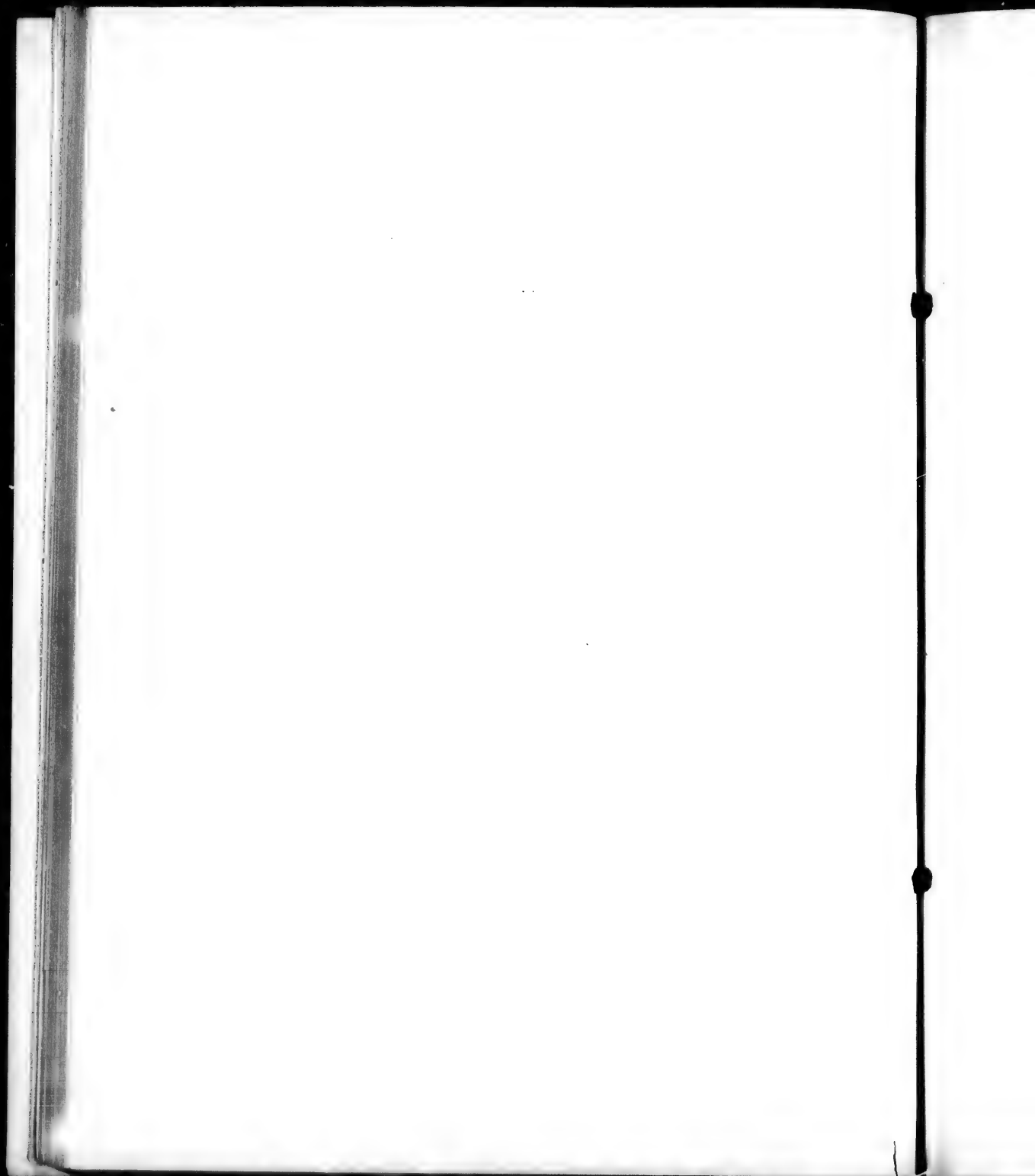
*FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE
YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN GUILD, MARCH 12th, 1896.*

Mrs. H. A. Massey.

Dear Mrs. Massey,—I am requested in accordance with a resolution passed at the meeting of the Board of Managers of the Guild to convey to you the sincere sympathy of the officers and members of the Association in your recent sad bereavement, and also to acknowledge Mr. Massey's thoughtful and liberal remembrance of our work. We have always been under obligation to Mr. Massey for this practical interest in our work and feel deeply indebted for his further expression of his benevolence. We shall always revere his memory, and mourn with you the loss of a good friend.

Yours on behalf of the Guild,

A. S. Brown,
Cor. Sec.



*FROM THE TORONTO HUMANE SOCIETY,
MARCH 9th, 1896.*

That this Society has learned with sincerest regret of the demise of one of its Vice-Presidents, Mr. Hart A. Massey, who held a very high place in the respect and esteem, not only of this Society, but of the whole community.

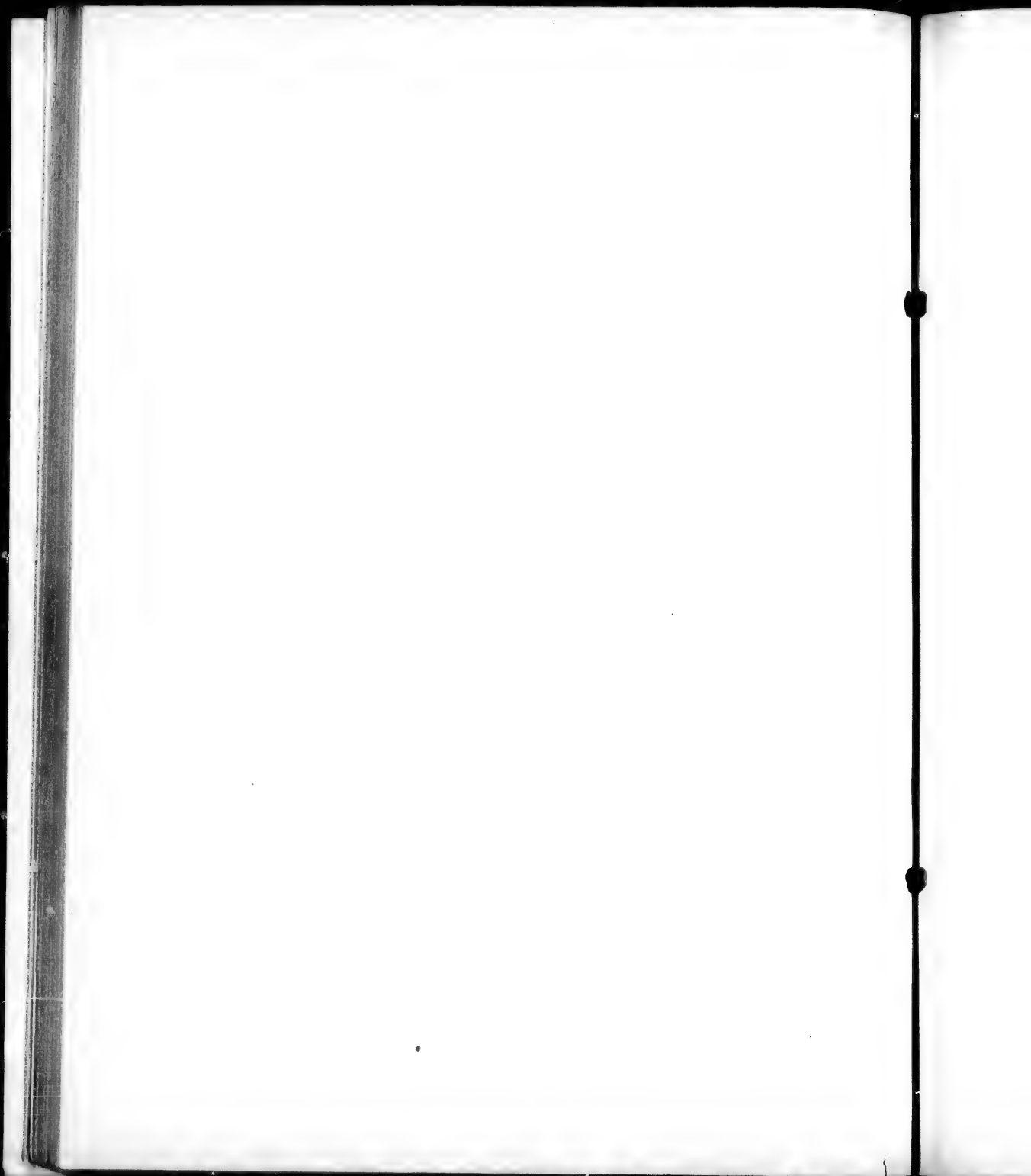
This Society desires to place on record its deep sense of the loss it has sustained in the death of the gentleman above named (whose warm interests and earnest efforts in behalf of the Society's work will long be remembered) and also an expression of respectful condolence with the surviving relatives of the deceased Vice-President.

*FROM VICTORIA UNIVERSITY UNION LITERARY
SOCIETY, TORONTO, MARCH 9th, 1896.*

To Mrs. Massey and family:—

At the last regular meeting of the Union Literary Society of Victoria University a resolution was unanimously adopted expressive of our deepest sympathy with you in the loss which you have sustained in the removal by death of a beloved husband and kind father, the late Hart A. Massey.

As one of the oldest students of Victoria, as a member of the Board of Regents, and as a liberal benefactor of our College, we have been deeply interested in Mr. Massey's life, and desire to express our gratitude for that life, devoted as it was to the public good. He lives in the example



of his sterling Christian character, and we believe that the influence of his life will long be felt.

We unite in our prayers that Mrs. Massey and family may find inspiration and comfort in Him, who was the God and Saviour of Mr. Massey.

Signed on behalf of the Society,

D. NORMAN, *President.*

J. L. O'FLYNN,

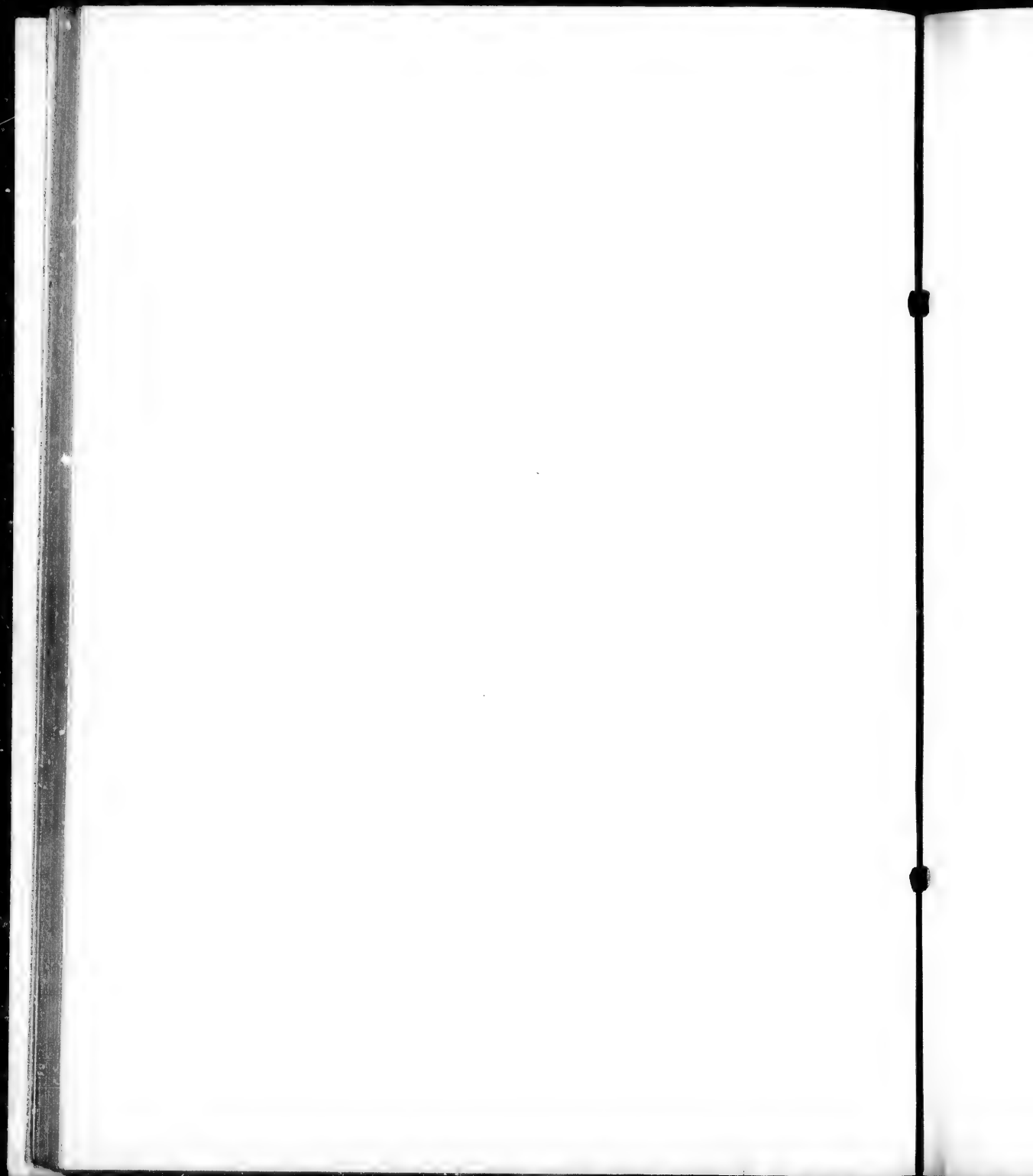
G. F. SWINNERTON.

*FROM THE WORKERS IN THE FRED. VICTOR
MISSION, TORONTO, MARCH 4th, 1896.*

That we, the workers in the Fred. Victor Mission, desire to convey our united and individual sympathy with the bereaved relatives of the late Hart A. Massey.

By his munificence in erecting and donating our Mission building he has placed in our hands the facilities for carrying on an aggressive missionary work among the poor of our city, unsurpassed by any similar institution on this continent. We believe that, by God's blessing, if we and those who succeed us are faithful to the trust imposed upon us, and the opportunities afforded by Mr. Massey's generosity, inestimable good, both to the bodies and souls of men, women and children, will follow the work carried on in connection with the Fred. Victor Mission.

We also hope and pray that Mrs. Massey and family may be long spared to see much of the fruits of his great beneficence in respect to this and other religious and charitable objects.



*FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
SAWYER & MASSEY CO., Ltd., APRIL 29th, 1896.*

Since the last meeting of the Board we have been called upon to mourn the removal by death of our honored President, Mr. H. A. Massey, to whose wise and efficient aid and direction the success of the Company is largely due. Called away at a ripe age and retaining to the last the vigorous exercise of all his faculties, his eminent business abilities and great practical experience will be missed in connection with the vast and varied enterprises, which have grown to world-wide proportions under his able management, and have made his name and reputation almost universal.

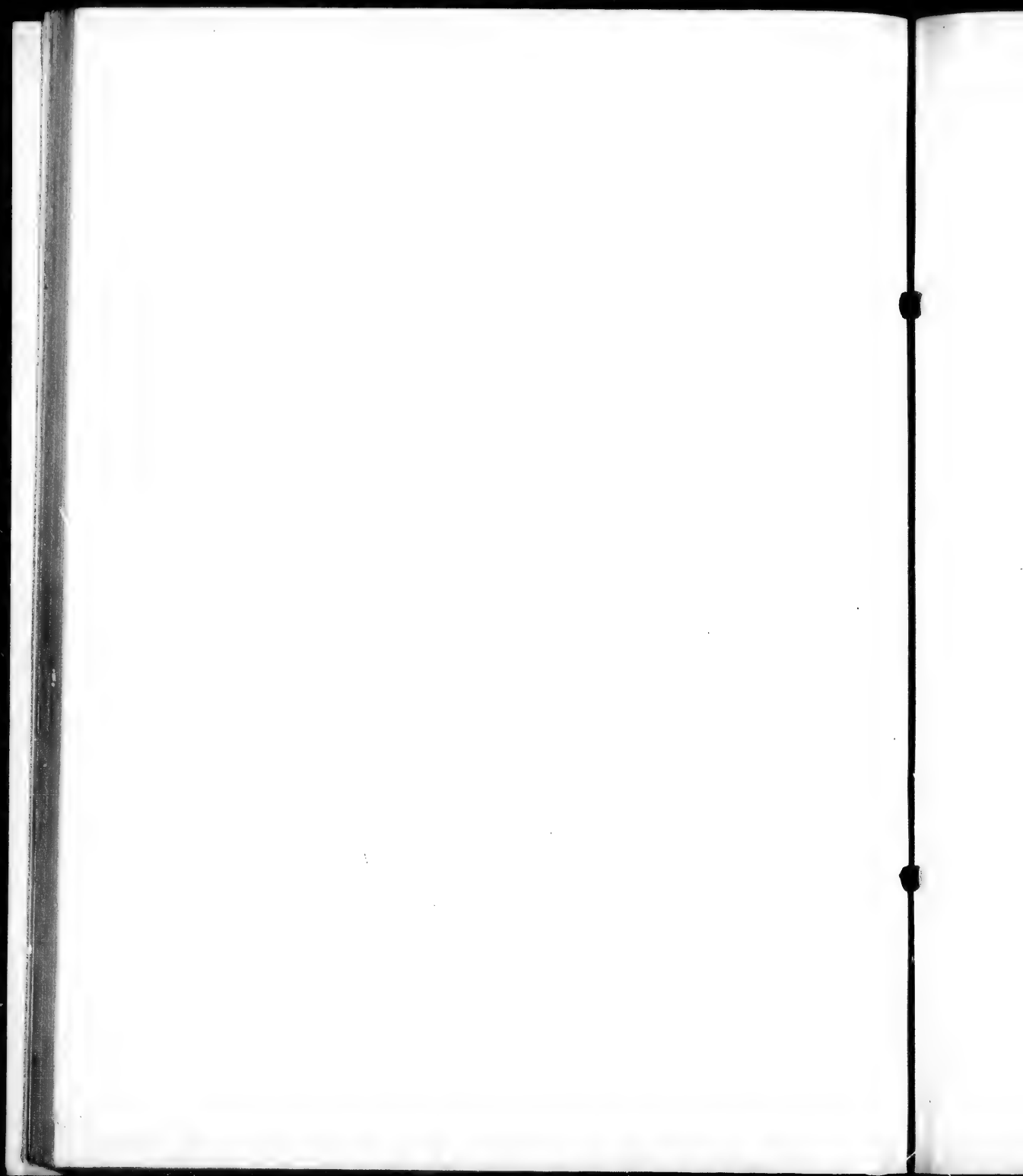
We desire, therefore, to place on record our high appreciation of his many estimable qualities and enterprising spirit, which, with the blessing of Providence, made his life a magnificent success, and may we not truthfully add, at the last a benediction to his country through his princely benefactions so liberally and widely bequeathed to its educational, benevolent and religious institutions.

We most sincerely extend to his sorrowing widow and family our tenderest sympathies in their great bereavement.

*FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF VERITY PLOW CO., Ltd., MARCH 20th, 1896.*

That we desire to place on record the high regard in which our late President, Mr. H. A. Massey, was held by the members of our Company.

Nearly four years have elapsed since we first met the



late Mr. H. A. Massey in a business way, and these years have but tended to increase our confidence in him, recognizing as we did the strict integrity and marked ability displayed by him in all matters brought under his consideration.

It was not a matter of surprise to us that a man possessing such rare business qualifications should rise to be the head of Canada's foremost and greatest industry.

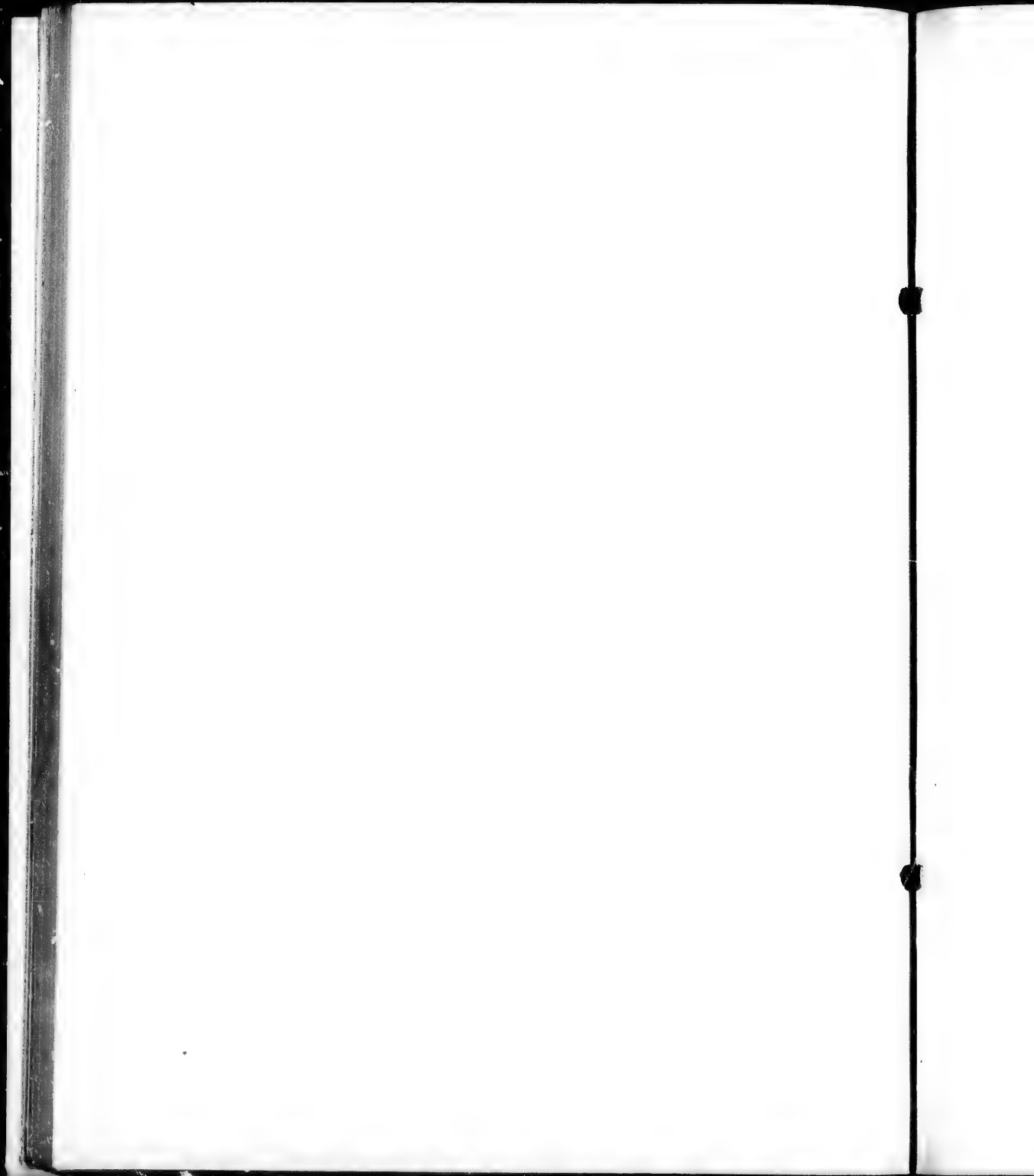
We have noticed with a great deal of pleasure his generous and munificent gifts to so many of our public institutions.

We wish to express the sense of loss we feel in being deprived of his wise council in the direction of the affairs of our Company, and we extend to Mrs. Massey and the members of her family our sincere and heart-felt sympathy in the loss they have sustained.

FROM THE DIRECTORS OF THE MASSEY MANUFACTURING CO., MARCH 11th, 1896.

That we record with deepest sorrow the decease of our beloved and esteemed President, Mr. Hart A. Massey, who departed this life on February 20th ultimo.

He filled the office of President of the Company consecutively from the time of its organization in 1870 to the close of his life. He was a pioneer in the manufacture of agricultural implements in Canada, and his career in this line of business covered a continuous period of nearly half a century. To his indefatigable energy, never-flagging industry, and exceptional business ability this Company is largely indebted for its success. From humble beginnings in the old shops at Newcastle, where he joined his father in his life's business, he rose



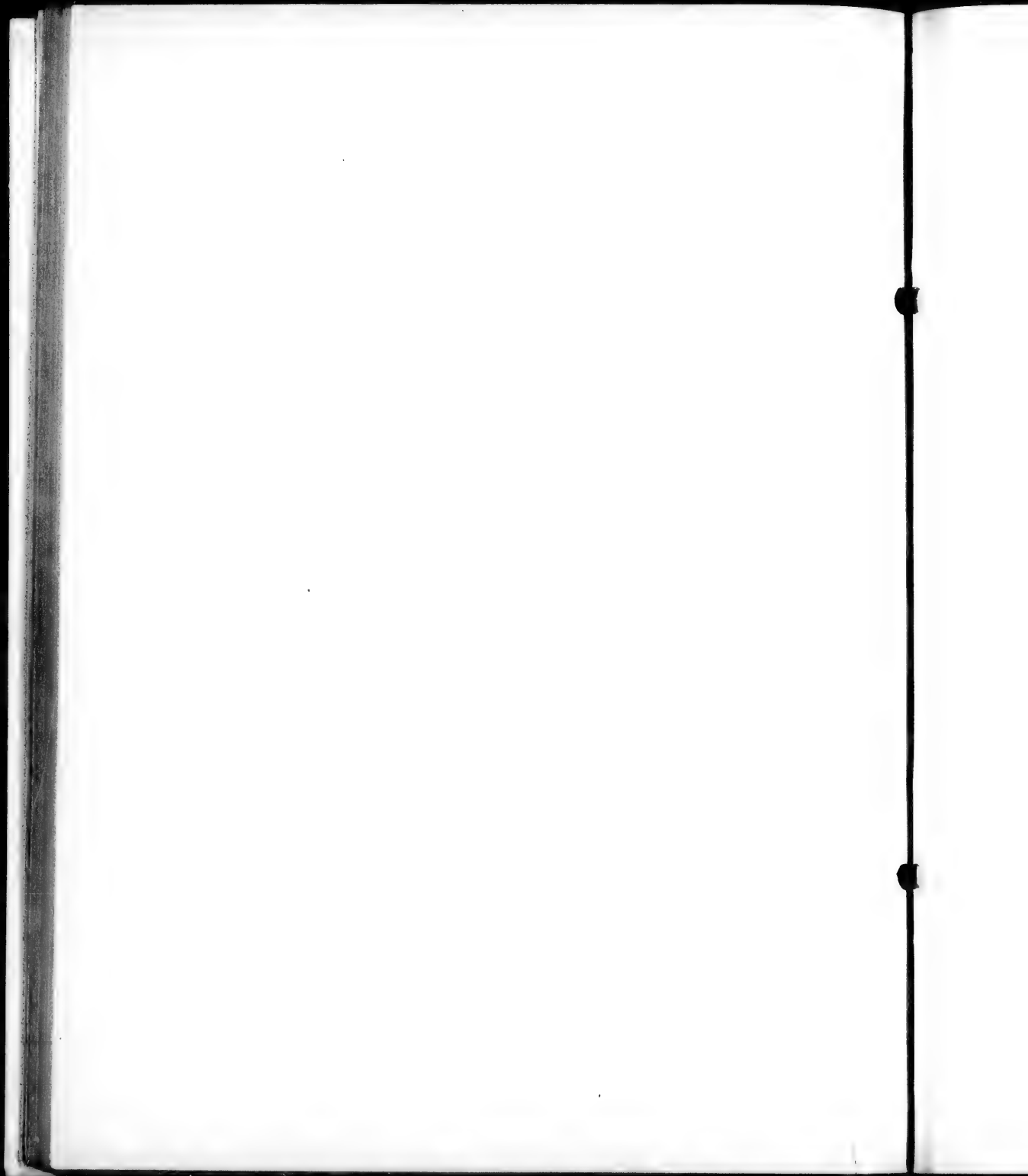
to be the head of the Massey-Harris Co. (into which this Company was merged in 1891), one of the largest agricultural implement manufacturing corporations in the world, with a capital of five million dollars, being one hundred times the amount of that with which the Company started. We mourn his loss and shall miss him greatly.

*FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MASSEY & CO.,
Ltd., APRIL 18th, 1896.*

Resolved, that this Board, at its first opportunity, records with profound sorrow the removal by death on February 20th, of its President, Mr. H. A. Massey, in his 73rd year, who faithfully promoted the interests of this Company from the time of its inception.

FROM THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MOUNT ALLISON COLLEGE, SACKVILLE, N.B., MAY 27th, 1896.

The Board of Regents, taking note of the munificent bequest to the University of one hundred thousand dollars by the late Hart A. Massey, Esq., of Toronto, hereby formally record an expression of its deeply grateful appreciation of Mr. Massey's thoughtful and gracious liberality. The Board recognizes not only the generosity, but also the truly unselfish and broad-minded spirit of connectionalism displayed in this princely benefaction, and assures the family of its deceased benefactor that the name of MASSEY will live as an abiding memory in the grateful affection and esteem of Maritime Methodism.



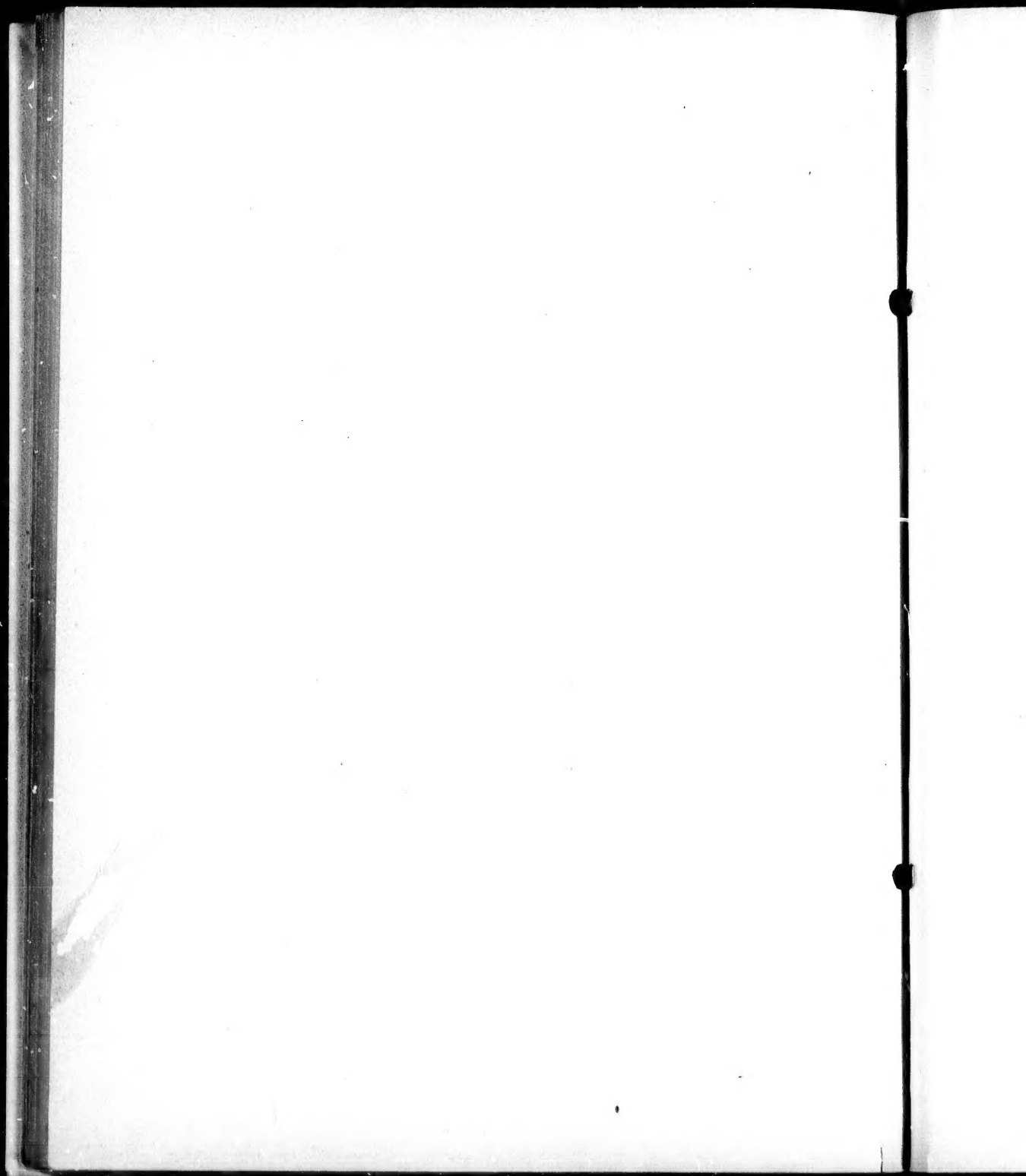
FROM THE MANITOBA AND NORTH-WEST CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WESLEY COLLEGE, WINNIPEG, JUNE, 1896.

That at the first meeting of this Conference held after the death of Mr. Hart A. Massey, we desire to put on record a minute of our appreciation of Mr. H. A. Massey and of gratitude for his kind and practical interest in the College. We think of him as a worthy Canadian citizen, a business man of great energy and sagacity, and one who in every relation of life was guided and influenced by high Christian principles.

We are thankful for his practical interest in the College during his lifetime, and for the proof of his desire to perpetuate his sympathy with the College, and the Church to which it belongs, by his magnificent donation in his Will. The Conference, as well as the Board of Directors, extends its sympathy to the relatives and friends of our deceased brother.

FROM THE BOARD OF PROVISIONAL DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL SANITARIUM ASSOCIATION, TORONTO, FEBRUARY 29th, 1896.

That this Board desires to express its sense of the important services rendered to this Association by the late Hart A. Massey, both by his counsel and gift, whereby the enterprise has been brought to its present advanced stage of progress, and to place on record its profound sense of loss by his removal from our counsels. The heartfelt sympathy of this Board is offered to the members of his family in their affliction.



FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE STAN-
STEAD WESLEYAN COLLEGE, STANSTEAD,
QUE., JUNE 4th, 1896.

WHEREAS the Secretary has read to this Board of Trustees an official notice that the late Hart A. Massey, of Toronto, has bequeathed to this College the sum of ten thousand dollars, subject to certain conditions;

Therefore be it *Resolved*,

That this Board gratefully acknowledge the generous bequest. The memory of Mr. Massey will be cherished most lovingly, not alone for the timely aid granted this Institution for higher education, but for his benevolence of character and many excellencies.

The Trustees would also express their sympathy with the family in their bereavement.

FROM THE CHAUTAUQUA BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
CHAUTAUQUA, N.Y., SEPTEMBER, 1896.

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of the Chautauqua Assembly have learned with profound sorrow of the death of their generous and highly-esteemed associate, Hart A. Massey, Esq., of Toronto, Ontario. Mr. Massey was associated with the Assembly from its early beginnings, and was for many years one of its trustees. Sound in judgment, wise in counsel, kind in spirit, his large experience has been of value to the Board through the years of his connection with it. We hereby extend to the several members of his family our sincere condolence in view of the irreparable loss they have sustained. And we cannot forbear in the light of the Christian faith

which animated the spirit and directed the conduct of our departed brother, the expression of devout congratulations on the record which Mr. Massey was permitted through a long life to make as husband, father, Christian, citizen, friend; and for his generous response to the solicitation of the Chancellor, in the promise of ten thousand dollars towards the erection of "The Hall of the Christ," we express our deepest gratitude. By this gift Mr. Massey made possible the erection of this new building on the Chautauqua grounds, and the new departure which is in itself a consummation and a crown of the Chautauqua system.

By the action of the Board at its recent meeting in August at Chautauqua, the above resolution was authorized.

JOHN H. VINCENT,
NATHANIEL I. RUBINKAM. } *Committee.*

September, 1896.

Letters of condolence were also received from the Salvation Army, the Haven and Prison Gate Mission, Students of the Columbian Methodist College, Canadian Temperance League, Alexandra Industrial School for Girls, Woman's Missionary Society Auxiliary, and Girls' Home.